



THE LARK BUNTING

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January 2001

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 7

Program: "Population Genetic Structure of Understory Birds in a Fragmented Tropical Rainforest (Costa Rica)"

Speaker: Laura Brown

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY December 2000

December 2, Saturday (WHG)

Wheatridge Greenbelt

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Tamie Bulow, Carolyn Cooley, Nancy Leo, Richard Mendez, Diana Mullineaux, Chris Owens, Buzz Schaumburg. **Time:** 0830-1215. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian; elev. 6,000'. **Weather:** Clear, a few clouds late; wind 0 mph; temp. 25-45 °F.

Totals: 37 Species, 849 Individuals.

December 3, Sunday (CAS)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes. **Observers:** Carol Blackard, Scott Blackard, Mike Foster, Carol Haskell, Cici Lee. **Time:** 0800-1215. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mixed scrub/conifer, riparian; elev. 5,900'. **Weather:** Clear; wind 0 mph; temp. 21-54 °F. **Totals:** 20 Species, 103 Individuals.

N.B. Data for Christmas Bird Count will be included in the next Lark Bunting.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

December 5, Tuesday (BCG)

Bear Creek Greenbelt (Old Stone House).

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 32. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow with grassy meadow; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to cloudy; wind NW, 0-5 mph; temp. 45-50 °F. **Totals:** 37 Species, 810 Individuals.

December 12, Tuesday (BLP)

Bear Creek Lake Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 5. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, open fields; elev. 5,800'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind N, 0-3 mph; temp. 13-20 °F. **Totals:** 17 Species, 262 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

ERRATA

November 4 trip to Barr Lake State Park led by Lee and Marilyn Rowe listed 130 Bonaparte's Gulls. It should have been Franklin's Gulls.

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FINAL NOTICE: ALL UNPAID MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE TERMINATED JANUARY 31, 2001

Please be sure you have sent in your renewal-
we don't want to lose anyone!

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

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CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 7/9-7/23/2001, and 11/19-12/3/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

Places are still available on the Trinidad-Tobago trip, to be led by Norm Erthal. If interested, call Norm at 303-424-6747 for more information.

IN MEMORIAM

The birding community recently lost one of its great ladies. Susan Marsh, wife of the late Thompson Marsh, passed away in late November. Mrs. Marsh was an accomplished birder, musician (she played viola with the DSO), hiker (she climbed all of Colorado's 14ers), and author. She was an honorary member of DFO. An article summarizing her accomplishments was published in the Denver Post in the Wed., Nov. 29 edition, on page 7B.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

Additional Reports: Joey Kellner

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE DECEMBER 2000

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO TRIPS		TUES. BIRDERS		TOTAL
	2	3	6	12	
	WHG	CAS	BCG	BLP	
Pied-billed Grebe	6		1		7
Double-crested Cormorant	2				2
Great Blue Heron			3		3
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2				2
Canada Goose	300		175	127	602
Gadwall	10		2		12
American Wigeon	4				4
Mallard	35		145		180
Northern Shoveler	9		4		13
Northern Pintail			1		1
Green-winged Teal	1		1		2
Canvasback	2				2
Ring-necked Duck	1				1
Lesser Scaup	10				10
Bufflehead	1				1
Common Goldeneye	15		9		24
Hooded Merganser	1				1
Northern Harrier				1 (m)	1
Red-tailed Hawk	4		4	6	15
western races			(3)	(5)	(8)
"Hartan's" race			(1)	(1)	(2)
Ferruginous Hawk			1	1	2
American Kestrel		1	7	2	10
American Coot	50				50
Killdeer			1		1
Common Snipe			1		1
Ring-billed Gull	155				155
gull sp.			2		2
Rock Dove	11	4	72	35	122
Great Horned Owl				1	1
Belted Kingfisher	2		3		5
Downy Woodpecker	5		2	1	8
Northern Flicker	20	2	17	3	42
"Red-shafted" race		(2)			(2)
Steller's Jay		1			1
Blue Jay	3		1		4
Western Scrub-Jay		5			5
Black-billed Magpie	17	5	21	13	56
American Crow	6		6	3	15
Black-capped Chickadee	22	10	14	2	48
Mountain Chickadee		7	1		8
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1			1
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	1	2		6
Brown Creeper			3		3
Canyon Wren		3			3
American Dipper	1		2		3
Townsend's Solitaire		8			8
American Robin	3	10	6		19

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	2	3	5	12	
	WHG	CAS	BCG	BLP	
European Starling	39	1	180		220
American Tree Sparrow	25	18	6	25	74
Song Sparrow	4		4		8
Lincoln's Sparrow			1		1
White-crowned Sparrow		1			1
Dark-eyed Junco	15	15	9	20	59
"White-winged" race		(3)			(3)
"Oregon" race				(5)	(5)
"Pink-sided" race		(10)			(10)
"Gray-headed" race		(2)			(2)
junco race			(9)	(20)	(29)
Red-winged Blackbird	10		15	2	27
Western Meadowlark				12	12
House Finch	20	4	34	8	66
American Goldfinch	25	5	4		34
House Sparrow	10		50		60
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	849	103	810	262	2,024
TOTAL SPECIES	37	20	37	17	55

OBSERVATION LEGEND:

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only,
 c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare,unusual, + =also/in addition to,
 x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

DECEMBER 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units							
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	55	2,024	4	51	14.5	17	10
DFO FIELD TRIPS	45	952	2	14	8.0	8.0	4.5
TUESDAY BIRDERS	39	1,072	2	37	6.5	9.0	5.5
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 0 - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES:							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							

December Additional Reports

Species	Date From	To	Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
Ross's Goose	12/2		1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Northern Goshawk	12/15		1a	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Great Black-backed Gull	12/2	12/7	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Long-eared Owl	12/30		7	Jumbo Reservoir	Logan	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak, Chris Wood
Short-eared Owl	12/30		3	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak, Chris Wood
Northern Saw-whet Owl	12/30		1ad	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak, Chris Wood
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	12/30		1i	Sterling	Logan	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak, Chris Wood
Bohemian Waxwing	12/15		1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Chris Wood
Fox Sparrow	12/23	12/29	1 m/n race	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Ray Korpl, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Golden-crowned Sparrow	12/26	12/31	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Snow Bunting	12/14		5	East of Arapahoe on Hwy 40	Cheyenne	Chris Wood
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	12/15		1	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	12/27		200+	Pikeview Dr., Conifer	Jefferson	Al Koewing
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (Heppum's)	12/27	12/30	3	Pikeview Dr., Conifer	Jefferson	Al Koewing
Black Rosy-Finch	12/19	12/30	2	Pikeview Dr., Conifer	Jefferson	Al Koewing
Common Redpoll	12/14		5	Cheraw	Otero	Chris Wood

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)

Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

February 3, Saturday

Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCR)

Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265

Meet leader at 0730 just inside west gate to park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional; if the weather is good, trip will probably be a three-quarter day trip.

February 4, Sunday

Longmont Area (LON)

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 0730 at the Safeway on the southeast corner of 17th and Pace. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO-119 to Boulder/Weld County Line Road, then two miles north to Jimm Hamm Park at Hygiene Rd, or 17th Ave. From Jimm Hamm Park go about one mile west to the Safeway. Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch.

February 10, Saturday

Feeder Frolie (FFR)

Leader: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682

Meet leader at 0800 west of King Soopers at northeast corner of South Federal Blvd. and Belleview Ave. Visit feeders in Littleton, Deer Creek and Turkey Creek. Expect both plains and foothills birds on this popular trip. Bring lunch.

February 11, Sunday

Ninth Annual Valentine's Day Trip (VAL)

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

Meet leader at 0800 at the South Platte River parking lot on the southeast corner of E. 88th Ave and Colorado Blvd. Bring lunch and expect to walk 3-4 miles. Trip will include South Platte River, Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area, Riverdale and Brighton blvds. This trip usually produces waterfowl and raptors. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

February 17, Saturday

Mt. Falcon Park, Red Rocks Park, and Lair O' The Bear (MFP)

Leader: David Laliberte, 303-297-1390

Meet leader at 0800 at the RTD Park-n-Ride on the west side of S. Wadsworth just south of Hwy 285 (Hampden).

Bring lunch and be prepared to walk 2+ miles on moderate slopes.

February 17, Saturday

Breakfast with the Birds (BWB)

Leader: Gail Evans, 303-758-2231

Some have a nice relaxing breakfast with Bridgett in Castle Pines North followed by a visit with Hugh and Urling Kingery at their Castlewood Canyon retreat. Contact leader to get details and make reservations.

February 18, Sunday

Roxborough State Park (ROX)

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072

Meet leader at 08:00 at the Nature Center. We will hope to see the resident golden eagles and other raptors plus all three kinds of jays. Easy hike on good trail. State Parks Pass required. Trip will go until 11 or 11:30 so lunch is optional. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

February 24, Saturday

Chatfield Lake State Recreation Area (CHA)

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194

Meet leader at 0730 inside the west entrance. Full day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

February 25, Sunday

Lake McConaughy, Nebraska (LMC)

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at the east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park at Colorado Blvd. and Montview or call to arrange a more northerly meeting place. The drive takes four hours each way. Nebraska State Parks Pass required. If the lake is frozen over, Bald Eagles by the hundreds congregate there. If the weather has been warm, we will look for raptors and other species in northeastern Colorado. Bring lunch and snacks and be prepared for a long, fun day!

Mark your calendar now - we will go and see the Sandhill Cranes in Nebraska on March 22, 23, and 24. Details to follow in next month's Lark Bunting.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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	I/00 to	Since Inception
	366	34596
BALANCE	21540.8	
RECEIPTS		
Memorials	25	18217.38
Interest	1233.74	6070.97
Contributions from Members	204	1360
Sale of Al Hay's Books (Net)	227.33	846.17
Grant		500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1690.07	26994.52
TOTAL	23230.87	26994.52
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grants		
Organizations	1000	3803.4
Individuals		935
TOTAL GRANTS	1000	4738.4
Administration		25.25
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1000	4763.65
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2000	22230.87	22230.87

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
OPERATING FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2000

BALANCE, December 31, 1999 11445.08

RECEIPTS

2000 Membership Dues	
Received in 1999	4025
Received in 2000	6130
Total Membership Dues	10155
Interest	104.3
Colorado Bird Report	772.5
Book Shop	488.85

TOTAL RECEIPTS 12457.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing/Mailing Lark Bunting	7047.79
Museum Membership	150
Colorado Bird Report	683.57
Liability Insurance	623
Book Shop	248.25
Miscellaneous	
Administrative	137.34
Bird Trips	108.9
Wheeler Memorial Bench	168.2

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 9167.05

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS 3290.6

ADJUSTMENTS

Membership Dues	
Prior Year	-4025
Next Year	5300

BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2000 16010.68

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

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☐ — RENEWAL

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Speaker: Rich Leva

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January 6, Saturday (CCS)

Cherry Creek State Park - Hunting with Birds of Prey

Leader(s): Greg Burdick & Mary Burger.

Falconer: Pam Collins. **Observers:** Don Beltz, Marilyn Brenengen, Pat Clemans, Norm Erthal & 6 guests, Beverlee Guild, Peggy Gonder, Marian Kyle, Jim Knoy, Ellie Jones, Judy McNickle, Sig Nelson, Kim Sawyer, Sue Schulman, Bob Wing, Ru Wing. **Time:** 0900-1100. **Habitat:** Short grassland, pond, prairie dog town. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; no wind; temp. 50 °F. **Totals:** 13 Species, 207 Individuals.

January 7, Sunday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leaders: Ira Sanders and Tammy Ellsworth.

Observers: George Armbrust, John Flavin, Beverlee Guild, Peggy Hankins, John Little, Richard Mendez, Betty Minges, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Chris Owens, Karleen Schofield, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 19 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, 99% frozen

reservoir; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** Clear; wind SSE, 0-7 mph; temp. 27-37 °F. **Totals:** 35 Species, 726 Individuals.

January 13, Saturday (PWL)

Platteville, Windsor & Loveland Areas.

Leader: Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, John Flavin, Chuck Lowrie, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Allan Vaughan, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 1000-1600. **Distance:** 43 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and farmland; elev. 4,500'. **Weather:** Cloudy and cold; wind N, 15-30 mph; temp. 20-45 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 13,797 Individuals.

January 14, Sunday (BDC)

Big Dry Creek Open Space in Westminster

Leaders: Norm Lewis and Debbie Westbrook. **Observers:** Jim Duggan, Peggy Fitzgerald, Peggy Hankins, Karen McGuire, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0900-1330. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, prairie. **Weather:** Cloudy;

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wind Variable, 0-10 mph; temp. 20-30 °F.

Totals: 27 Species, 940 Individuals.

January 20, Saturday (SPR)

South Platte River at 88th Ave

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg. **Observers:**

George Armbrust, Dan Brachear, Mary C.

Burger, Tim Davis, Peggy Fitzgerald, Sonja

Hahn, Veronica Holt, Ellie Jones, Richard

Mendez, Chris Owens, Myron Plooster, Lynn

Shanks, Karen Von Saltza. **Time:** 0800-1000.

Distance: 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot.

Habitat: Riverside habitat. **Weather:** Overcast;
wind 5 mph; temp. 15-20 °F. **Totals:** 29
Species, 1,166 Individuals.

January 21, Sunday (BOU)

Boulder

Leader: Bob Jickling. **Observers:** George

Armbrust, Sandra Arnesen, Tore Arnesen, Alan

Bell, Jay Burger, John Flavin, Cheryl Fritz, John

Geohegan, Ashi Getting, Ivan Getting, Kathy

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Matthews, Richard Mendez, Marcie Milliken,

Chris Owens, Myron Plooster, Dick Pratt, L.

Sanher, Mary Stallings Ru Wing, Eric

Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 4.7

miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:**

Reservoirs (75% ice free), riparian; elev. 5,400'.

Weather: Clear with few high clouds late; wind
S, 0-1 mph; temp. 22-44 °F. **Totals:** 43 Species,
446 Individuals.

January 27, Saturday (SRC)

*South Platte River from 64th Ave to 78th Ave
and Riverside Cemetery*

Leaders: Francie Sperl and David Laliberte.

Observers: Barbara Brown, Peggy Fitzgerald,

Ed Holub, Marian Kyle, Judy McNickle, Marcia

Millikan. **Time:** 0815-1230. **Distance:** 9.8

miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:**

Riparian-riverine; patchy snow cover.

Weather: Overcast; wind calm; temp. 25-31 °F.

Totals: 33 Species, 1,717 Individuals.

January 28, Sunday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado

Leader: Jackie King.

Trip Cancelled Due to Weather

TUESDAY BIRDERS

January 1, Monday

Participated in the Urban Denver Christmas Bird Count – Fairmount Cemetery – Lowry Field – Count Reported Elsewhere.

January 9, Tuesday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and One Back Yard Feeder.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 43. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot (2 groups). **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 05,386. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind SW, 4-8 mph; temp. 35-48 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 935 Individuals.

January 16, Tuesday

Trip cancelled due to weather.

January 23, Tuesday (SPR)

South Platte River 88th – South and North.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 5 miles on foot (2 groups). **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, agriculture, bicycle trail; elev. 5,200'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind calm; temp. 27-32 °F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 2,413 Individuals.

January 30, Tuesday (SPE)

South Platte at Evans South.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 21. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 00.0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow; elev. 5,320. **Weather:** Cloudy to mostly cloudy; wind NE, 0-3 mph; temp. 30-40 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 344 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

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CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 7/9-7/23/2001, and 11/19-12/3/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

"Ecuador and the Galapagos". There will be a trip to the famous islands which inspired Charles Darwin to formulate his Theory of Evolution. The trip will take place in March 2002. Also, places are still available on the Trinidad-Tobago trip, both to be led by Norm Erthal. If interested in either trip, call Norm at 303-424-6747 or email him at normanpe@aol.com for more information.

"Greater Prairie-Chickens". The Denver Museum of Nature and Science is offering a weekend excursion on March 24-25, 2001, to Wray, CO to view Greater Prairie-Chickens on the lek. The trip will be led by Norm Lewis, and will include transportation, lodging and other activities. For more information, call Norm at 303-988-5544 or email at roadrunner80228@aol.com, or call the DMNS Reservations Dept. at 303-322-7009.

"Gunnison Sage-Grouse Viewing". The Gunnison Sage-Grouse has recently been split as a separate species. The Waunita Lek east of Gunnison is a designated public viewing site. The lek is on private land, so viewing is from the road only! There is no blind, so you must watch from your car. Parking along the road adjacent to the lek is limited to five or six cars, first come, first parked. There is no overflow area. Birders must arrive one hour before sunrise and remain until activity subsides, usually around 8:00 A.M. Strutting season runs from late March to mid-May, with peak activity

in mid-April. From downtown Gunnison, go east on highway 50 eighteen miles to county road 887 (road to Waunita Hot Springs). Turn left (north), go .5 mile to binocular sign and park at the side of the road. For more information, map and brochure, call the BLM at 970-641-0471. Tammy Scott, Gunnison Chamber of Commerce (970-641-1501; lodging and city map) and Dr. Patrick Magee of the Sisk-a-dee Environmental Organization (970-641-3959; slide show and discussion) also have information on the grouse. Thanks go to Diana Mullineaux for compiling and Karleen Schofield for submitting this valuable information!

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE JANUARY 2001

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS							TUES. BIRDERS			TOTAL
	6 CCS	7 CHA	13 PWL	14 BDC	20 SPR	21 BOU	27 SRC	9 WRG	23 SPR	30 SPE	
Pied-billed Grebe						6					6
Western Grebe						10					10
Double-crested Cormorant						4	1				5
Great Blue Heron		1	4			2				2	9
Black-crowned Night-Heron						5(2a,3i)				8(5m/3i)	13
Greater White-fronted Goose			2			1					3
Canada Goose		400	5500	400	330	180	380	360	450	95	8095
Gadwall		9	15		90	6	245	30	50	7	422
American Wigeon			10		21	2	95	12	4	12	156
Mallard	60	27	1336	11	34	25	48	125	20	105	1791
Mallard Hybrid							1				1
Northern Shoveler		2			171	1	360	6	920	35	1495
Northern Pintail			1		68	4	28		115		216
Green-winged Teal		6	54		45	6	21	12	110		254
Canvasback						4					4
Redhead						24					24
Ring-necked Duck			2		16	3	45		20	6	92
Greater Scaup								1			1
Lesser Scaup					7	2	2	5	1		17
Bufflehead		1			43		6		55	4	109
Common Goldeneye	15	56			103	4	32	6	95	14	325
Barrow's Goldeneye					3		1(m)				4
Hooded Merganser	5(4m, 1f)					1		2		4	12
Common Merganser		80	5		12	18	3		3		121
Red-breasted Merganser		2				2				1	5
Ruddy Duck						1					1
Bald Eagle	2	2	21	4(3a,1i)	4	7	3(2a,1i)		3(2m/1i)		46
Northern Harrier	2		4	2(1m,1f)	4				3		15
Red-tailed Hawk western races "Krider's" race	2	6	10	6 (5)(3a,1i) (1)(pos. alb)		4 (4)	1		3		32 (9) (1)
Ferruginous Hawk	1		4			1					6
Rough-legged Hawk			5								5
buteo sp.			10			2					12
Golden Eagle						2					2
American Kestrel	1	1	14	2	1	3			4		26
Prairie Falcon			4	2		1					7
Ring-necked Pheasant			1								1
Virginia Rail								4			4
American Coot					12	40	6	35	8		101
Killdeer		2			2		7		7		18
Common Snipe						2					2
Ring-billed Gull	3	10	14		65	6	70	125	430		723
Herring Gull		11									11
Rock Dove		1	75	10	8	35	40	25	18	22	234
Mourning Dove				15			20				35
Great Horned Owl	1		1					1			3
Belted Kingfisher		3	2	1	2	3	3	3	4		21
Downy Woodpecker		1	1					2			4

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Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race		2 (2)	4	12 (12)		3 (3)		9	2		32 (17)
Blue Jay			1	2				4			7
Black-billed Magpie		35	21	25	2	4	10	10	12	6	125
American Crow		2	290		9	2	3	5	4	6	321
Common Raven		4				1					5
Horned Lark		4	150								154
Black-capped Chickadee		13	2	2		2	5	27		3	54
Mountain Chickadee				1							1
White-breasted Nuthatch								4			4
Brown Creeper		2									2
Winter Wren						1					1
American Dipper								3			3
Townsend's Solitaire		1									1
American Robin			9	4		2	1	6	2		24
Northern Mockingbird								1			1
Brown Thrasher								1			1
European Starling		1	5000	25	20		50	18	25	1	5140
American Pipit						1					1
Spotted Towhee								2			2
American Tree Sparrow	30	3	1	15	1			3			53
Song Sparrow		5		7	6	2	5	7	10		42
White-crowned Sparrow		1	1	10	2		1	2	3		20
Dark-eyed Junco "Slate-colored" race		25 (1)		12	26 (10)			14	4		81 11
"Oregon" race		(10)			(5)						15
"Pink-sided" race		(10)			(11)						21
"Gray-headed" race		(4)									4
junco race				(12)				(14)	(4)		30
Red-winged Blackbird	75		1050	150	89		206		13		1583
Western Meadowlark		4	40	11					4		59
Brewer's Blackbird			8				7		3		18
Common Grackle				1							1
House Finch	10	1		100		4	6	30	4		155
American Goldfinch		2	3	10				5		7	27
House Sparrow			122	100		12		30	4	6	274
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	207	726	13797	940	1166	446	1717	935	2413	344	22,691
TOTAL SPECIES	13	35	38	27	29	43	33	36	34	19	75
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated										

JANUARY 2001 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units							
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	75	22,691	10	189	37.75	76.5	22
DFO FIELD TRIPS	68	18,999	7	100	27.8	76.5	12.0
TUESDAY BIRDERS	51	3,692	3	89	10.0	0.0	10.0
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 0 - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 1 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES:							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							

January Additional Reports

Species	Date From	To	Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
Ross's Goose	1/3		1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Goose, greater white-fronted	1/7		3	U.S. 6 just east of Haxton	Phillips	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Tony Leukering
Harlequin Duck	1/12	1/31	1f	Durango	La Plata	Mona Hill, Mobs
Short-eared Owl	1/6		3	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Northern Pygmy-Owl	1/29		1	Coal Creek Canyon	Jefferson	Jan Justice-Waddington
Bushtit	1/8	1/27	6	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones, Dave Utterback
Bushtit (suggestive of "Black-eared" form)	1/8	1/27	1	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones, Dave Utterback
Acorn Woodpecker	1/14	1/21	3	Durango	La Plata	Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler, Steve Stachowiak, Mobs
Green-tailed Towhee	1/1	1/22	1	1530 Kalmia Ave., Boulder	Boulder	Robin Byers, Robert Fiehweg
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1/1	1/9	1a	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)

Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next months Lark Bunting.

47th ANNUAL DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Day, Date, and Time: Saturday, December 16, 2000 4:20 am to 5:00 pm.

Compiler: Dick Schottler **Feeder Coordinators:** Patty Echelmeyer & Tina Jones

Weather: Mostly clear **Temperature:** 10 to 46 deg. F

Wind: Variable, 0 to 40 mph

Snow Cover: 0 to 8" **Fresh Water:** Partly open **Wild Food Crop:** good

Observers: 114 (70 in 31 parties, 44 watchers at 40 feeders)

Total Party Hours: 196 (123.5 on foot, 72.5 by car)

Total Party Miles: 719 (99 on foot, 620 by car)

Hours Spent Watching Feeders: 120

Count Totals: 93 species; 36,603 individuals

Participants by Area (Area Leader's names in bold):

- Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): Winston Brockner, **Bob Brown**, Lea Ann Brown, Nancy Leo
- Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC): **Tamie Bulow**, Patty Echelmeyer, Maria Finley, Christiana Manville, Carolyn Medrick, Diana Mullineaux, Bob Spencer
- Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): **Kathy Hawkins**, Marjorie Roberts
- Area 3. Bow Mar/Marston (BMM): **Dan Bridges**, Peggy Gonder, **Tina Jones**, Paul Priest, Verla Priest, Carol Shouldice, David Shouldice, Dave Utterback
- Area 4A. Lower South Platte-east (LSP): Ruth Breckon, Tim Brown, **Ed Holub**
- Area 4B. Lower South Platte-west (LSP): **Warren Finch**, Dick Pratt
- Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD): Betty Oliver, **Harold Oliver**
- Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK): **Norm Erthal**
- Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSP): **Randy Lentz**
- Area 7B. Middle South Platte (MSP): Peter Gillette, **Hugh Kingery**, Urling Kingery, Karen Metz, Deb Ostergard, Betsy Visser, Karen von Saltza
- Area 8. Chatfield Reservoir (CHA): Cris Cook, **Joey Kellner**, Andrew Spencer, Steve Stachowiak
- Area 9. Upper South Platte (USP): George Armbrust, **Carolyn Cooley**, Doris Cruze, Mona Reed, Lynn Sargent, Mary Ellen Sargent
- Area 10. Lower Deer Creek (LDC): Judy Lane, Glen Meyers, Jr., Jackie Sanderson, Liz Willcockson, **Lynn Willcockson**
- Area 11. Upper Deer Creek (UDC): (Area not counted)
- Area 12. Yegge Peak (YPK): **Ann Bonnell**, Else Van Erp
- Area 13. Doublehead Mountain (DHM): **Gene Rutherford**, Stephen Sheridan
- Area 14. North Turkey Creek (NTC): Joe Roller, **Dick Schottler**
- Area 15. Indian Hills (IHL): Margie Bailey, **Duane Nelson**, Sherman Wing
- Area 16. Upper Bear Creek (UBC): **Dave Quesenberry**, Ric Olson
- Area 17. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): Marilyn Brenengen, **Toni Rautus**
- Area 18. Garrison Gate (GGT): **Chuck Aid**
- Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): **Jackie King**
- Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK): **Bob Frager**, Char Wilson
- Area 21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): **Karleen Schofield**

Feeder Watchers: Jane Axtell, Lowell Baumunk, John Bonnell, Margo Breen, Nan Brehmer, Jan & Bill Carter, Betty Chrisman, Carol Duecker, Marcia Ferguson, Polly Fields, Joseph & Alma Fields, Marjory Friedman, Marie Grossheuch, Grace Grutza, Betty & Stan Harwood, Jewell & Bill Henrichs, Tina Jones, Mike Kinsey, Lila Kint, Judy Lane, Kurt Lani, Barbara Livingston, Lynda Ludvigsen, Dick Masteller, Jack McGrath, Doris McLaughlin, Jake Mola, Lowrey Mumford, Doreen Near, John Presler, Leon Rollin, Millie Sanger, Jacque Schneider, Brynne Shepeck, Janet Shin, Candy Vallado, Donald Wargo, Carolyn Weckstrom, John Weege, Scott Yarberry.

2000 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HIGHLIGHTS

by Dick Schottler, Compiler

The 47th consecutive Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC), sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists with the National Audubon Society, took place on December 16, 2000 in the 15-mile diameter Count circle centered just north of the old Ken Caryl Ranch entrance. Count day saw relatively cool temperatures and mostly clear skies, but for the second year in a row, the weather story was wind, with gusts up to 40 miles per hour reported in some areas in and near the foothills. Several days of very cold weather in the week preceding the Count resulted in most open water being frozen. One area (Upper Deer Creek) was not counted this year. In spite of the wind, 36,603 individual birds of 93 species were tallied by 70 field observers and 43 feeder watchers, compared with 23,917 individuals of 93 species in 1999).

For the second year in a row, no new species were added to the cumulative Denver CBC list in 2000. The total species seen since 1954 thus remains 188. Three species recorded on 5 or fewer of the 46 previous Denver CBC's were observed: a Ross's Goose spotted by Ed Holub's group in Area 4A had been recorded on four previous counts; a Peregrine Falcon seen chasing a Red-tailed Hawk by Jackie King in Area 19 was the second ever (the only other was seen on the first Count in 1954); and two Glaucous Gulls found by Joey Kellner's group at Chatfield Reservoir (Area 8) had also been seen on four previous counts. Other uncommon birds seen this year included Barrow's Goldeneye, Green-tailed Towhee, Brown-capped Rosy Finch, and Lesser Goldfinch, all seen on less than 25 percent of the 46 previous counts.

Record-high individual numbers were established for five species this year: Canada Goose (17,064 seen, exceeding previous high of 15,367 set in 1990), Northern Shoveler (271, beating the 259 seen in 1996), Common Goldeneye (304, topping the 293 seen in 1999), Glaucous Gull (2; there are four previous records of single birds), and White-breasted Nuthatch (110, beating the previous record of 92 set in 1991). The 11 Sharp-shinned Hawks seen tied the record high set in 1987. House Finch numbers (1193) continued to rise again this year following the two-year population crash in 1997-8 but were still well below numbers seen before 1997. Lower-than-usual numbers of three species were recorded this year: American Wigeon (19, the lowest since 1961), Rough-legged Hawk (1, the lowest since 1962), and Song Sparrow (123, the lowest since 1969). The ten most numerous species observed on the Count were: 1. Canada Goose (17,064; this is 47 percent of the birds recorded on the count!), 2. Starling (2340), 3. Crow (2004), 4. Mallard (1784), 5. Dark-eyed Junco (1431), 6. House Finch (1193), 7. Red-winged Blackbird (1069), 8. House Sparrow (932), 9. Ring-billed Gull (864), and 10. Rock Dove (811).

Additional species observed in Count circle during Count Week (3 days before Count and 3 days following the Count), but not seen on 16th, were Greater Scaup, Mew Gull, and Red Crossbill.

As compiler of the 47th Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating. Special thanks go to Area Leaders whose efforts make this Count a success year after year, and to Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones for their efforts in lining up the feeder watchers and compiling the results. Last but not least, a big thanks to Scott and Sandy Menough and the staff at their Wild Birds Unlimited store for again hosting our compilation meeting and providing the very welcome warm beverages and refreshments after a breezy day in the field. This was the sixth year they have done this for us and, as always, it was an enjoyable event. The Denver Count is a Denver Field Ornithologists tradition, and I hope many more members will participate in our 48th Count in December 2001.

CHRISTMAS COUNT 2000

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	COUNT AREAS																									TOTAL
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	UBC	KCR	GGT	MWB	WCK	MLW	FEEDERS		
	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Plns	Fhls	
Pied-billed Grebe				2		5					1															8
Great Blue Heron		2	1	1	1	7		1	2	3	3															21
Snow Goose				3		1					1															5
Ross's Goose					1																					1
Canada Goose		2774	290	2761	2050	5000	361	250	360	63	901	35	147								35	580	35	1322		17064
Wood Duck				2						2													24			26
Gadwall		9		57	10	70		12	25	9	9															201
American Wigeon			4			2		4															9			19
Mallard		272	160	134	70	700		17	72	54	76	9										80	2	138		1784
Northern Shoveler		1	2	140	120			8																		271
Northern Pintail				15	7	1					4												2			29
Green-winged Teal				35		14		12	8	6	29												5			109
Redhead						2																90				92
Ring-necked Duck				2	35	40				1												4		27		109
Lesser Scaup				2	20	6					1											2				31
Bufflehead				10	30	125				3	7															175
Common Goldeneye			10	32	30	100			26	39	44											5		1		304
Barrow's Goldeneye					1																					1
Hooded Merganser		3		3	11	25			2	3	1															48
Common Merganser			1	18	25	25			12	4	72															157
Bald Eagle		2	1	2	1	3			2	5	3	1							1							21
Northern Harrier		1	1								1	2														5
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1								1		1					1		4					3		11
Cooper's Hawk																								1		1
Northern Goshawk																	1							1		2
accipiter sp.												1														1
Red-tailed Hawk		3	7	1	5	6	2	2	4	4	5	2	3		1		3		1		4	1	2	2	2	60
"Harlan's" race		(1)																								(1)
Ferruginous Hawk							2															1			1	4
Rough-legged Hawk			1																							1
buteo sp.		2																								2
Golden Eagle			1									4									1					6
American Kestrel	1	6	2	6	2	1	4	2	2	1	1	4	2						6		1	1	1	3	2	48
Peregrine Falcon																					1					1
Prairie Falcon			1			1				1	1										1				1	6
Ring-necked Pheasant								1																		1
Wild Turkey															51											51
Virginia Rail									1	8									1							10
American Coot				13	110	15		1		4																143
Killdeer				9	1	12		1		2	3															28
Common Snipe				2	1	4		1	3	1			1											1		14
Ring-billed Gull		105	9	305	200	100		40	3	2	80											15		5		664
Herring Gull			1	2	1						8															12

CHRISTMAS COUNT 2000

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	COUNT AREAS																								TOTAL	
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	UBC	KCR	GGT	MWB	WCK	MLW	FEEDERS		
	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Pins		Fhls
Glaucous Gull											2															2
Rock Dove	26	136	61	88	75	110	45		15	5	2	25	3					10	3		16	8		162	21	811
Mourning Dove						19																				19
Great Horned Owl		1		1	1		1	1	1	3	7		2										2			20
Northern Pygmy-Owl												1														1
Belted Kingfisher		7	4	7	5	10		2	4	4	6	2							1							52
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		4	1		1	1	2	6	2			1	8	1	3		1		2			18	18	71
Hairy Woodpecker								1		1				1	9	1	4							4	13	34
N. Flicker ("red-shafted")	3	38	5	32	8	20	3	8	12	7	3	22	5	3	2		2	4	13		6	4	4	42	21	267
Northern Shrike			1			1		1	1	1				2			1									8
Steller's Jay												1	3	10	40	8	7	4	3	7	2		4	22	78	189
Blue Jay						2	1			1		2							4		1			30	24	65
Western Scrub-Jay	23											21	6	3			3	40	20		17		9	13	42	197
Black-billed Magpie	16	37	24	76	15	40	30	12	14	66	24	25	8	2	8	3	5	20	24	2	29	18	7	74	32	611
American Crow	3	41	11	23	10	1		2	8	40	15	20	423	204	298	75	70		12	2	20	77	46	171	432	2004
Common Raven	1		4		1		2	9	3	7	2	15	2		12	2	3	5	4	4	1	1	5	4	40	127
Horned Lark							73			27																100
Black-capped Chickadee	29	38	4	14	35	15	37	27	25	119	16	8	6	4	18	2	6	10	11	3	4	2	4	134	68	639
Mountain Chickadee	6	3			1								4	46	215	32	22	2		33	2		18	31	80	495
Bushtit												20														20
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	2		1	1								2	9	20	18	12			16	1		4	21	48	155
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	4	1	1	2	1	1		1	3	1		2	3	14	2	5		1	3	1		4	20	36	110
Pygmy Nuthatch				2										25	34	40	8			2				13	68	192
Brown Creeper		1		3					1	3	1	3			6	1	8	1							1	29
Canyon Wren	3												1						1							5
Marsh Wren									1	1																2
American Dipper	2	1		1		1			4	3		3						2								17
Golden-crowned Kinglet														3		2	5	1								11
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				2					1															1		4
Townsend's Solitaire	11								1	3		25	6	3	2	4	16	10	6		4		36	1	3	131
American Robin	9	14	27	79	2	50			1		1	50	11	2		3	55	10	4		15	5	23	77	18	456
European Starling		371	212	621	60	150	48	13	16	14	30	3	3		51	36	60	50	50		25	28		450	49	2340
Bohemian Waxwing																	26									26
Green-tailed Towhee																									1	1
Spotted Towhee	5	2						1	1			4	3						20		1		6	7	6	56
American Tree Sparrow	9		4	7	6	5	66	32	45	134	47		1											4	3	363
Song Sparrow	6	3	1	5	7	8		7	17	24	23	5	4	1	3		1	1	1				1	2	3	123

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	COUNT AREAS																								TOTAL	
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	UBC	KCR	GGT	MWB	WCK	MLW	FEEDERS		
	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Plns		Fhls
Swamp Sparrow										2																2
White-throated Sparrow											1														1	2
White-crowned Sparrow					25						7													12	3	47
Dark-eyed Junco	122	61	20	64	25	25	22	46	42	29	55	76	11	8	129	24	11	62	29	7	40		14	215	294	1431
"White-winged" race	(7)							(1)	(2)		(4)			(1)	(4)	(1)	(4)	(2)					(1)	(3)	(13)	(43)
"Slate-colored" race	(10)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(25)	(22)	(5)	(12)		(13)	(25)	(1)		(11)	(1)		(10)	(17)		(10)		(4)	(44)	(97)	(313)
"Oregon"/"pink-sided"	(29)	(53)	(14)	(62)	(24)			(38)	(28)	(8)	(37)	(13)	(10)		(27)	(3)	(3)		(12)		(25)		(9)	(74)	(56)	(525)
"Gray-headed" race	(38)	(1)								(1)	(1)	(8)		(7)	(76)	(19)	(4)	(20)		(7)				(60)	(58)	(298)
junco race	(38)	(6)	(4)					(2)		(20)		(30)			(11)			(30)			(5)			(34)	(72)	(252)
Red-winged Blackbird	1	15	5	5		125	14		35	94	7		384				8		2		2			252	120	1069
Western Meadowlark					2		8		15	1	1		15													42
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch															120											120
Black Rosy-Finch															4											4
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch															4											4
Rosy-Finch sp																								24	24	
Cassin's Finch																	18							1	3	22
House Finch	35	155	72	113	60	50	22	4	3	4	48	2	1		7	10	10	3	10		3	2		468	111	1193
Pine Siskin									10	2						5		1						2	11	31
Lesser Goldfinch		4									1															5
American Goldfinch		3		11	10		6	3	5	21	7		1				5					1		28	7	124
Evening Grosbeak															27									5	16	48
House Sparrow		69	6	10	50	50	22	4			3		2	5		10	6	20	6		5	15		502	147	932
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	316	4205	954	4727	3134	6948	771	527	806	841	1563	392	1062	335	1083	279	385	256	255	79	240	1040	225	4330	1850	36,603
TOTAL SPECIES	22	36	33	47	44	43	22	33	41	49	46	30	29	19	24	20	30	19	28	10	27	21	19	45	39	93

Participants in Denver Urban CBC			
	55	55 Observers	Feeder watchers (29 at 26 fdrs)
1	SPS	Harold Oliver	Cat Anderson
1	SPS	Betty Oliver	Hazel Briggs
1	SPS	Doris Cruze	Willa Brunkhorst
1	SPS	Sue Schulman	Ann Dolbier
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2	SPN	Dick Pratt	Bill Kanter
2	SPN	Dick Schottler	John Kerlin
2	SPN	Bob Spencer	Ruth King
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4	RMA	Hugh Kingery	Polly Reetz
4	RMA	Sherry Skippey	Joy Schieving
4	RMA	Mindy Hetrick	Jean Smith
4	RMA	Dean Rundle	Kathleen Stewart
5	A	Randy Lentz	Ellen Swanson
5	A	Buzz Schaumberg	Fay & June Sweat
5	A	Celia Greenman	Mary Beth & Ed Twining
5	A	Mike Seal	Karen von Saltza
6	CC walk	Paul Slingsby	Tom Ward
6	CC walk	Kathy Bollhoefer	Liz Willcockson
6	CC walk	Marge Burgess	Mary Washburne
6	CCR	Robert Bierling	Bill & Suzanne Wuerthele
6	CCR	Robert Brown	Martha Zoetewey
7	CCR	Lee Ann Brown	
7	CCR	Tamie Bulow	
7	CCR	Patty Echelmeyer	
7	CCR	Glenn Hageman	
7	CCR	Jeane Hageman	
7	CCR	J. B. Hayes	
7	CCR	Jim Knoy	
7	CCR	Sigurd Nelson	
7	CCR	Diana Mullineaux	
8	NHmpdn	Walter Hackney	
9	SHmpdn	Susie Sherman	
9	SHmpdn	Lynn Willcockson	
10	Fair	Ann Bonnell	
10	Fair	Selma Berman	
10	Fair	Eise Van Erp	
10	Fair	Tuesday Birder	
11	Zoo	Brad Parks	
11	Zoo	Mary Patterson	
11	Zoo	Pat Goodman	
11	Zoo	John Azna	
11	Zoo	Carol Duarte	
12	PH	Karleen Schofield	
12	PH	Tony Leukering	
12	PH	Ann Thomas	
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13	DCC/CCk	Casey Davenhill	
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

MARCH FIELD TRIPS

March 3, Saturday

Pueblo Area (PUE)

Leader: David Silverman 1-719-489-3565

Meet leader in Pueblo at 0900 at K-Mart caboose in Pueblo at US HWY 50 West and Elizabeth. Exit I-25 at US50 West and go one block west. State Parks pass required. Bring lunch and expect to walk 2-3 miles on easy trails. Call Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661, for carpool information from Denver.

March 4, Sunday

Walden Ponds and Boulder Area (WPB)

Leader: Norm Erthal 303-424-6747

Meet leader at 0800 at Walden Ponds. From north-bound US 36 take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Ave., then east to 75th St. Go north on 75th St. past Valmont Rd and railroad tracks. Turn left at wildlife area sign. Follow road west and south to Cottonwood Marsh parking lot. Half day trip.

March 10, Saturday

Boulder Area - Raptors (BAR)

Leaders: Suzi & Myron Plooster

Meet leaders at 0830 at the north parking lot of U.S. Dept of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories, 325 Broadway. From US 36, go west on Baseline Road to light at 27th Way. Turn left, continuing to Broadway. Cross Broadway and enter lab grounds to parking lot on right. Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch.

March 11, Sunday

Cherry Creek Reservoir & State Park (CCR)

Leader: Dave Quesenberry 720-344-9332

Meet leader at 0800 at west entrance of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from So. Yosemite St. on Union Ave. Park pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

March 17, Saturday

Mt. Falcon - Blue Grouse (MFP)

Leader: Lynn Wilcockson

Meet leader at 0730 at upper parking lot at Mt. Falcon Park, weather permitting. Will walk about 4 miles on moderate trails, may be icy. Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch.

March 18, Sunday

Barr Lake State Park (BLS)

Leader: Dick Schottler 303-278-8035

Meet leader at 0700 at park entrance. Take I-76 to Bromley Lane then east to Piccadilly Road and go south 2 miles to park entrance. Park pass needed. Half day trip, lunch optional. Will walk 3-4 miles on easy trails.

March 22-24, Thursday - Saturday

Kearney, Neb. - Sandhill Crane Trip (KNE)

Leader: Jackie King 303-287-1644

An opportunity to see the spectacular gathering of Sandhill Cranes along the N. Platte River. Meet the leader Thursday

morning at 0700 at the Museum of Nature and Science. Bring lunches for all three days. Breakfasts and dinners will be at local restaurants. Make your reservations at the Fort Kearney Inn 303-234-2541. This trip does not require extensive walking. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Nebraska State Parks pass required. This trip will not be using blinds. Call leader about carpools.

March 24, Saturday

N.E. Colorado (NEC)

Leader: Joey Kellner 303-978-1748

Meet leader at 0600 at the Division of Wildlife parking lot located 6060 N. Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th and go west to Broadway, then north to Colorado Division of Wildlife. Possible park fees depending on day's itinerary. Will need to carpool. Full day trip, bring lunch.

March 25, Sunday

Chatfield Reservoir and State park (CHA)

Leaders: Bob & Lea Ann Brown 303-791-6204

Meet leaders at 0730 at swim beach inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1 1/2 miles south of C-470. Half day trip, lunch optional. Park pass required.

March 31, Saturday

Canon City Riverwalk & nearby areas (CAC)

Leader: David Pantle 1-719-275-8208

Meet leader at his home 1826 Flora Ct, in Canon City at 0900. Bird the Riverwalk area in the morning. Will walk 2 miles on easy trail. Bring lunch and eat at leader's home. In the afternoon go south of city to look for roadrunner and Rufous-crowned Sparrow. This is a two-hour drive from Denver in good weather. For carpool information or directions to leader's house from Denver contact Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662. Will carpool from Southmoor Park & Ride; from I-25, take Hampden Ave. east to Monoco, then south 0.3 miles to Magnolia Way. Park & Ride on right. Meet in northeast corner of lot. Will meet at 0630 for carpool.

April 1, Sunday

Lyons Area (LYO)

Leader: Raymond Davis 303-823-5332

Meet Karleen Schofield at 0715 (Daylight Savings Time begins) at Park-and-Ride on NE corner of West 88th and Sheridan to carpool or meet at 0830 at Park-and-Ride next to Lyons Library, 1 1/2 blocks south of traffic light in Lyons. Bring lunch; the trip ends mid-afternoon. Chance for Pinyon Jays and nesting Golden Eagles.

Scheduled by Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662

Jan 1 2001	TOTALS	SPSo	SPNo	Muth	RMA	Aurora	CCRes	Creek	Frnt	N/Hmp	S/Hmp	Zoo	PKII	DCC	Fdr
Belt Kingfisher	34	6	8	1		10	1	5		1				2	
Downy Woodpecker	46		2	1	7	8	2	3	1	4	1	3	5		9
Hairy Woodpecker	3								1						2
N. Flicker	173	6	5	11	7	14	16	9	12	14	6	4	12	11	46
N. Shrike	3					3									
Blue Jay	63					25		2		4	4		3	3	22
Scrub Jay	2														2
Maggie	1275	19	110	171	271	43	23	21	114	39	37	134	143	36	114
Crow	1324	242	13	41	2	143	34	83	101	118	16	57	303	9	162
Horned Lark	275				236								22		17
Bl-cup Chickadee	242	8	9	5	7	34	9	20	15	39	3	18	10	8	57
Mtn. Chickadee	46		2	2	1				24			1	4		12
Bushtit	15	7				8									
Reb-br Nuthatch	18								1		1		5	2	9
White-br Nuthatch	14					2			3	1			1		7
Brown Creeper	14				1		1		8			2	1	1	
Marsh Wren	1										1				
Am. Dipper	3	1	2												
Golden-cr Kinglet	11								2			3	6		
Ruby-cr Kinglet	1	1													
Townsend's Solitaire	10			3		2			1		1		1	1	1
Am. Robin	328			5		18	37	14	16	7	14	1	74	99	43
Gray Catbird	1					1									
Starling	4224	68	750	1540	69	325	60	2	269	236	18	555	82	8	242
Cedar Waxwing	23													23	
Spotted Towhee	9													8	1
Am. Tree Sparrow	793	5	18	71	582		75		24	6			1		11
Song Sparrow	65		9	1	30	7	13		1	1	2			1	
Golden-cr Sparrow	1						1								
Harris Sparrow	3			1	1									1	
White-cr Sparrow	78		30	2	14	25									7
Lapland Longspur	1												1		
Dark-eyed Junco	373			37	161		52	62	20		19	6	16		
White-winged	19		2		6	4			1	2			3		1
Slate-colored	86		5		28				3	11		1	4		34
Oregon	166		29	32	9	29			4	17	12	1	7		26
Pink-sided	242			5	69	31			75	18		4	8	20	12
Gray-headed	39								20		7	10			2
Red-wg. Blackbrd	796		200	2	128	360	8		27		4				67
W. Meadowlark	113		1	5	104	1	2								
Brewers Blackbrd	45		45												
House Finch	1826	8	47	61	235	74	4	21	116	255	8	94	402	25	476
Pine Siskin	6								6						
Am. Goldfinch	137				105		3	8	2	1				1	17
House Sparrow	1949	23	20	280	30	28		13	85	164	11	302	299	46	648
Pintail/Mallard hybrid	1											1			
Buteo (sp.)	1								1						
Gull sp.	3													3	(50)

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$25.00
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_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert
_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH
MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM

NEW MEETING SITES STARTING IN APRIL & MAY **SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS**

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 4

Program: " Birds and Other Wildlife on Three Types of Power Plants in Colorado "

Speaker: Dr. Ron Ryder

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert -- 303-424-2144
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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY February 2001

February 3, Saturday (CCR)
Cheery Creek Recreation Area
Leader: Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Debbie Kennedy, Andrew Spencer.
Time: 0730-1130. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, open and frozen water, prairie; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** Overcast; wind W-SW, 0-10 mph; temp. 32-35 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 1,959 Individuals.

February 4, Sunday (LON)
Longmont Area
Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez.
Observers: Tracy Pheneger. **Time:** 0740-1400.
Distance: 45 miles by car, 1 mile on foot.
Habitat: Ponds, riparian, fields; elev. 5,000'.
Weather: Cool and clear; wind N, 0-15 mph.
Totals: 43 Species, 11,499 Individuals.

February 10, Saturday (FFR)
Feeder Frolic (Littleton Feeders, Highline Canal, S. Platte Park, Wolhurst, and Deer Creek Canyon)
Leader: Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0830-1330.
Distance: 25 miles by car, 1 mile on foot.
Habitat: elev. 6,000-7,800'. **Weather:** Cold, clear, calm; temp. 17-30 °F. **Totals:** 27 Species, 499 Individuals.

February 11, Sunday (VAL)
Ninth Annual Valentine's Day Trip
Leader: Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** John Flavin, Peggy Hankins, Christiana Manville, Richard Mendez, Marcia Millikan, Chris Owens. **Time:** 0800-1630. **Distance:** 35 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, gravel pit reservoirs, farmland; elev. 4,980-5,200'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind 0 mph; temp. 18-44 °F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 7,662 Individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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February 17, Saturday (MFP)

Mt. Falcon Park, Red Rocks Park, Lair O-The Bear, Indian Hills, Morrison Park

Leader: David Laliberte. **Observers:** Peggy

Hankins. **Time:** 0800-1500. **Distance:** 45.4

miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:**

Upper Sonoran/transition zone, lower Montane,

creeks. **Weather:** Overcast to clear, dry,

varying snowcover depth; wind NE, 1-7 mph;

temp. 23-45 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 336

Individuals.

February 17, Saturday (BWB)

Breakfast with the Birds

Leader: Gail Evans. **Observers:** Karen Metz,

Marcia Millikan, Bridget Milnes, Ann

Southcott. **Time:** 0800-1500. **Distance:** 20

miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:**

Fields, oak brush, juniper, pine forest; elev.

6,000'. **Weather:** Clear, sunny; wind calm;

temp. 40-55 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 279

Individuals.

February 18, Sunday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Eric Abbott,

Randy Baldwin, Nancy Crews, Paul Differling,

John Flavin, Jill Holden, Mark Holden, Alberta

Nelson, Carla O'Leary, Rich O'Leary, Carina

Short, Dennis Wojcicki. **Time:** 0800-1100.

Distance: 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Habitat: Grassland, scrub oak; elev. 6,000'.

Weather: Cold, overcast, icy trail; wind S, SW,

12-25 mph; temp. 27-42 °F. **Totals:** 18 Species,

128 Individuals.

February 24, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield Lake State Recreation Area

Leader: Ed Holub. **Observers:** Peggy Hankins,

Charlie Lawrence. **Time:** 0730-1215.

Distance: 13.6 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Habitat: Lake, river riparian; elev. 5,400'.

Weather: Overcast and cloudy, some snow spit;

wind N, 0-3 mph; temp. 28-34 °F. **Totals:** 26

Species, 533 Individuals.

February 25, Sunday (LMC)

Lake McConaughy, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King.

Data will be included in next Lark Bunting.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

February 6, Tuesday (RSP)

Roxborough State Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Transitional zone, riparian, scrub oak, Ponderosa pine, rock outcrops; elev. 6,200-6,550. **Weather:** Sunny; wind light; temp. 37-44 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 229 Individuals.

February 13, Tuesday (RRM)

Red Rocks and Morrison Parks.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, scrubland, riparian, city park; elev. 5,800-6,360. **Weather:** Sunny; wind calm; temp. 38-50 °F. **Totals:** 21 Species, 97 Individuals.

February 20, Tuesday (SPP)

South Platte Park.

Leader: Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, bicycle trail; elev. 5,600'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind NE, 0-10 mph; temp. 34-45 °F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 501 Individuals.

February 27, Tuesday

Trip cancelled due to weather.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

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CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 7/9-7/23/2001, and 11/19-12/3/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

"Ecuador and the Galapagos". There will be a trip to the famous islands which inspired Charles Darwin to formulate his Theory of Evolution. The trip will take place in March 2002. Birders may travel to Ecuador only, or combine their trip with the expedition to the Galapagos. The trip will be led by Norm Erthal. If interested, call Norm at 303-424-6747 or email him at normanpe@aol.com for more information.

"Gunnison Sage-Grouse Viewing". The Gunnison Sage-Grouse has recently been split as a separate species. The Waunita Lek east of Gunnison is a designated public viewing site. The lek is on private land, so viewing is from the road only! There is no blind, so you must watch from your car. Parking along the road adjacent to the lek is limited to five or six cars, first come, first parked. There is no overflow area. Birders must arrive one hour before sunrise and remain until activity subsides, usually around 8:00 A.M. Strutting season runs from late March to mid-May, with peak activity in mid-April. From downtown Gunnison, go east on highway 50 eighteen miles to county road 887 (road to Waunita Hot Springs). Turn left (north), go .5 mile to binocular sign and park at the side of the road. For more information, map and brochure, call the BLM at 970-641-0471. Tammy Scott, Gunnison Chamber of Commerce (970-641-1501; lodging and city map) and Dr. Patrick Magee of the Sisk-a-dee Environmental Organization (970-641-3959; slide show and discussion) also have information on the grouse. Thanks go to Diana Mullineaux for compiling and Karleen Schofield for submitting this valuable information!

LOWER RIO GRANDE TRIP A SUCCESS!

Bob Richter was joined by Tom and Mary Kay Burger, Patty Echelmeyer, Fran Enright, Ric Olson, David Pantle and Dick Pratt on an exciting excursion to the Lower Rio Grande valley of Texas, Feb. 23-28. The group saw 153 species for the trip, which was highlighted by sightings of Hook-billed Kite, Red-billed Pigeon, Ringed Kingfisher and Audubon's Oriole. According to Bob, the DFO "Chachalacas" swept through the valley, hardly missing a bird, and finished the trip with a flourish at the local cantina. With castanets clicking in the background, the group made the final triumphant ticks on the trip list....

COLORADO BIRD OBSERVATORY HAS A NEW NAME AND A NEW HOME

The Colorado Bird Observatory is now Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory. RMBO is headquartered in "The Old Stone House" at Barr Lake State Park. The house was renovated with the financial assistance of DFO and many other contributors. Their address is 14500 Lark Bunting Lane, Brighton, CO 80601. Their telephone number is 303-659-4348.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

MEETING SITES FOR APRIL & MAY

The Denver Field Ornithologists will be meeting in alternate locations while the west end of the museum is undergoing extensive renovation.

The April DFO meeting will be held in the VIP Room of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The room is just east of the T-Rex Café. Enter through the security station just east (left as you face the building) of the main exit.

The May meeting will be held in the Grasslands Room at the Denver Zoo. Enter through the main gate; there will be a small security building on your right after you pass through. Turn right past the security building and walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. The Grasslands Room is on the first floor. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns. The first set of double doors on the left is the Grasslands studio where we will be meeting.

EDITORS NEEDED FOR LARK BUNTING

We need to replace the current team of editors. The compiling editor, Dave Quesenberry is retiring from the Lark Bunting at the end of this year. Currently nobody is entering the Upcoming trips so Dave has to type those in himself in addition to compiling the other editors' inputs. It would also be nice if some other members would help out and give the current team a break.

If you have a computer and email then YOU can help! Upcoming Field Trips and Announcements simply require some typing and emailing the result to the compiler. Additional Reports and Field Trip Counts are entered into Excel. If you do not have Excel the club will purchase it for you. If you are unfamiliar with

Excel we will show you how to use it. It will only take a few minutes and you will have acquired a new skill! Compiling the entire issue is a little more involved but Dave will show you how to do it. He is currently creating some simple instructions for compiling an issue of the Lark Bunting. You don't have to be a rocket scientist. You just need some enthusiasm and a desire to do your part in the club!

The hope is that several members will volunteer and then the duties can be alternated from month to month. In that case we would also need one person to act as a central repository for snail mail submissions. The central repository helper would need no computer skills - they would just forward the mail on to the appropriate volunteer for the current month.

Remember, DFO is completely run by volunteers. If YOU do not help out it simply will not happen! Contact Dave Quesenberry if you are interested in helping with any part of the above.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE FEBRUARY 2001

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUES. BIRDERS			TOTAL
	3 CCR	4 LON	10 FFR	11 VAL	17 MFP	17 BWB	18 ROX	24 CHA	6 RSP	13 RRM	20 SPP	
Pied-billed Grebe		3									7	10
Great Blue Heron		4		2							1	7
Greater White-fronted Goose				4 (a)								4
Snow Goose "White morph"				7 (7)								7 (7)
Canada Goose	810	10174	113	3280	13		15	300	2		100	14807
Wood Duck		1	24									25
Gadwall	1	8		362				7			14	392
American Wigeon		41	15	29								85
Mallard	53	204	125	536	5			24	2		70	1049
Cinnamon Teal				2								2
Northern Shoveler		4		1152							1	1157
Northern Pintail				384								384
Green-winged Teal	32	10		183							18	243
Canvasback				28								28
Redhead		72		2				9	8			91
Ring-necked Duck	3	8	21	39							7	78
Greater Scaup											6	6
Lesser Scaup		1		8								9
Bufflehead		1	21	39				2			20	83
Common Goldeneye	2	11	18	390				3	6		14	444
Hooded Merganser	1	1		2							4	8
Common Merganser	530	177		44				3			13	767
Red-breasted Merganser	4	1										5
Ruddy Duck				1								1
Bald Eagle	7	10		7(5a,2i)				1	1			26
Northern Harrier	2	4		4								10
Red-tailed Hawk	7	21		17	4	4		5	2	2	4	66
western races						(4)		(5)				(9)
"Harlan's" race	(1)	(1)										(2)
"Krieger's" race				(1) (a)								(1)
Ferruginous Hawk		2		2 (a)		1						5
Rough-legged Hawk		3		1		2						6
buteo sp.				4		2						6
Golden Eagle							2		1			3
American Kestrel		14		9		1				1	2	27
Merlin				1 (m)								1
Ring-necked Pheasant	3											3
American Coot	8	12		44							13	77
Killdeer	2	2		7							1	12
Common Snipe	1			1								2
Ring-billed Gull	70	1	1	321				12	2		56	463
California Gull	1											1
Herring Gull	8			2								10
Rock Dove	50	141	1	106	22	8	3	8	10	13	7	369
Mourning Dove				28								28
Great Horned Owl								2				2
Belted Kingfisher	1	4		4				2			4	15
Downy Woodpecker	1	3				2		1	1	3	2	13
"eastern" race						(2)						(2)
Hairy Woodpecker					2 (1m)	2						4

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	3	4	10	11	17	17	18	24	6	13	20	
	CCR	LON	FFR	VAL	MFP	BWB	ROX	CHA	RSP	RRM	SPP	
"Rocky Mountain" race						(2)						(2)
Northern Flicker	10	6	10	3	2	5	1	4	1	2	14	58
"Red-shafted" race	(10)	(6)	(10)	(3)	(1)	(5)	(1)					(36)
Northern Shrike	1			1 (a)					1	1	1	5
Stellar's Jay			6		14	4	2		39	1		66
Blue Jay	2	2	2			5	4		13			28
Western Scrub-Jay			8		16	14	16		33	15		102
Black-billed Magpie	66	11	11	34	14	17	4	25	19	9	21	231
American Crow	37		1	19	48	14	6	6	4	8	4	147
Common Raven		2			2		5	1	3	4		17
Horned Lark	12					8						20
Black-capped Chickadee	10	27	11	5	7	11	14	10	23	8	11	137
Mountain Chickadee			1		13	12	1		4	2		33
Bushtit									7			7
Red-breasted Nuthatch					2	4	1		1			8
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	2	3		3	4			1	1		16
Pygmy Nuthatch					29	13						42
Brown Creeper					2	1 (h)						3
Canyon Wren					1				2	1		4
American Dipper					2			1		2	1	6
Mountain Bluebird								20				20
Townsend's Solitaire					9	3	1		2	4		19
American Robin	1	15	1	8	13		6	8	7	2	9	70
European Starling	5	222	1	289	13	4		30			35	599
Spotted Towhee			1		1 (m)	1	9		18			30
American Tree Sparrow	81		30	36		9		40				196
Song Sparrow	15	6	3	9	1					3	1	38
White-crowned Sparrow		25		4							1	30
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1											1
Dark-eyed Junco	12		26		17	44	35	8	8	11		161
"White-winged" race	(1)		(3)		(1)	(4)			(1)	(1)		(11)
"Slate-colored" race	(7)		(2)		(2)	(9)	(16)					(36)
"Oregon" race	(1)		(2)		(4)	(14)	(2)	1				(24)
"Pink-sided" race	(2)		(11)		(19)	(10)	(17)	(7)				(48)
"Gray-headed" race	(1)		(8)		(6)	(6)						(21)
Junco race					(3)	(1)						(4)
Red-winged Blackbird	86	30	1	37	3	2					26	185
Western Meadowlark	1	17		38		1		1				58
Brewer's Blackbird				2								2
House Finch	6	2	10	38	31	25	3		2	4	4	125
Pine Siskin						40						40
American Goldfinch	12					16			6			34
House Sparrow	2	194	34	87	17						9	343
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1959	11499	499	7662	336	279	128	533	229	97	501	23,722
TOTAL SPECIES	41	43	27	50	28	30	18	26	30	21	34	80
OBSERVATION LEGEND:												
a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated												

FEBRUARY 2001 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units							
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	80	23,722	12	111	55.55	198	21
DFO FIELD TRIPS	78	22,895	9	38	45.6	193.0	12.5
TUESDAY BIRDERS	50	827	3	73	10.0	5.0	8.5
IDENTIFIED FORMS: - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 1							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							
Golden Crowned Sparrow							

February Additional Reports

Species	Date From To	Number Seen Location	County	Observer(s)
Common Loon	2-Feb 25-Feb	1 to 3 Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Clark's Grebe	10-Feb 24-Feb	1 to 2 Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
American White Pelican	25-Feb	2 Highline Ponds	Otero	Stan Oswald, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
American White Pelican	25-Feb	10 Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Black-crowned Night-Heron	17-Feb	1a Runyon Lake	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Greater White-fronted Goose	18-Feb	1 Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Tundra Swan	19-Feb	2a Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Tundra Swan	25-Feb	2a Highline Ponds	Otero	Stan Oswald, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Tundra Swan	25-Feb	Lake Henry (same birds as 2a Highline Ponds birds)	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos (all these swan sightings are of the same two birds)
Cinnamon Teal	4-Feb	1m (1st of the season) W. of Ft. Lyon Vineland Fire Department	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Duane Nelson
Greater Scaup	10-Feb	1m Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering, Rich Levad
Greater Scaup	12-Feb 28-Feb	1f Fort Logan Cemetery	Denver	Tina Jones
Greater Scaup	13-Feb	1m, 1f Huerfano Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards, Dave Silverman, Sherry Chapman
Greater Scaup	16-Feb	1m Goodnight River Trail	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
HARLEQUIN DUCK	1-Feb 28-Feb	1f Durango	La Plata	Mona Hill, m.ob.
Long-tailed Duck	10-Feb 27-Feb	1f Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Barrow's Goldeneye	3-Feb 13-Feb	1m Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Barrow's Goldeneye	17-Feb	1f Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Northern Goshawk	3-Feb	1f Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
COMMON MOORHEN x				
American Coot hybrid	4-Feb	1 W. of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
AMERICAN WOODCOCK	19-Feb	1 Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Thayer's Gull	2-Feb 17-Feb	1 to 2 juv. Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Thayer's Gull	10-Feb 11-Feb	up to 3a, 4 juv. Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	2-Feb	1a basic Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Paul Hurtado
GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL	25-Feb 28-Feb	1 1st-basic (possible hybrid) Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL	2-Feb 25-Feb	1a basic Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.

February Additional Reports, contd

Greater Roadrunner	5-Feb	1 Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
Greater Roadrunner	13-Feb	1 Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards, Dave Silverman,
Greater Roadrunner	25-Feb	1 W of Rocky Ford	Pueblo	Sherry Chapman
Long-eared Owl	25-Feb	3 Timpas Creek SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Northern Pygmy-Owl	22-Feb	1 Colorado Hwy 26	Otero	Stan Oswald, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Say's Phoebe	12-Feb	1 Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
Bushtit	20-Feb	1 Colorado Hwy 26	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Eastern Bluebird	4-Feb	6 Lamar	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
Northern Mockingbird	17-Feb	1 Pueblo Reservoir	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Duane Nelson
Northern Mockingbird	18-Feb	1 Canon City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Sage Thrasher	3-Feb	1 Pueblo Reservoir	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Brown Thrasher	25-Feb	1 Rocky Ford SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Dave Johnson
Brown Thrasher	24-Feb	1 Wheatridge Greenbelt	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Curve-billed Thrasher	18-Feb	1 Pueblo West	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
Common Yellowthroat	4-Feb	1 Wheatridge Greenbelt	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	18-Feb	2 Canon City	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
Savannah Sparrow	4-Feb	1 John Martin Reservoir	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Swamp Sparrow	25-Feb	1 Rocky Ford Sewer Ponds	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Duane Nelson
Harris's Sparrow	4-Feb	1 Wheatridge Greenbelt	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Harris's Sparrow	25-Feb	1i Timpas Creek SWA	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
Yellow-headed Blackbird	25-Feb	1 Lake Meredith feedlot	Otero	Stan Oswald, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Rusty Blackbird	19-Feb	1f Lake Meredith feedlot	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Great-tailed Grackle	25-Feb	100+ Ordway	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Brown-headed Cowbird	19-Feb	1m, 2f Lake Meredith feedlot	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Cassin's Finch	4-Feb	4f Las Animas (odd location)	Bent	Duane Nelson, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)

Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next months Lark Bunting.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

APRIL FIELD TRIPS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS APRIL 1ST

April 1, Sunday

Lyons Area (LYO)

Leader: Raymond Davis (303 823-5332)

Meet Karleen Schofield (coordinator) to carpool at Park 'n Ride at W 88th and Sheridan Blvd. (NE corner) at 0715 or meet leader at 0830 at Park 'n Ride in Lyons next to library, 1 1/2 blocks south of traffic light. Bring lunch. Trip ends mid-afternoon. Chance for Pinyon Jay and nesting Golden Eagles.

April 5, Thursday

Wheatridge Greenbelt (WHE)

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (303 233-4947)

Meet leader at 0830 at the parking lot at Prospect Lake – south of W 44th Ave., just east of Robb St. in Wheatridge. Half day trip. Easy walking – good for beginners.

April 7, Saturday

Cherry Creek Reservoir & State Park (CCR)

Leader: Larry Modesitt (303 740-7575)

Meet leader at 0800 at west entrance of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from So. Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional. Enthusiastic new leader.

April 8, Sunday

High Country Birding including Guanella Pass (HIC)

Leader: Dick Schottler (303 278-8035)

Meet leader to carpool at 0700 at Park 'n Ride at 6th and Union, SE corner, Lakewood. Full day trip, bring lunch.

April 12, Thursday

Hawk Watch on Dinosaur Ridge (HAW)

Leader: Tamie Bulow (303 462-1238)

Please register with the leader. Tentatively meet leader at 0900 at the Hawk Watch. Take I-70 west to Morrison exit. Go left at light at exit ramp, then left at 2nd turn into parking lot at SE quadrant of intersection. Uphill walk is approximately 1/2 mile. Birding at Matthew/Winters Park will follow. Half day trip, lunch optional. More than hawks!

April 14, Saturday

Northeast Colorado plains – includes Jumbo Reservoir, Ovid woods, etc. (NEC)

Leader: Joey Kellner (303 978-1748)

Meet leader at 0600 at Division of Wildlife, 6060 N. Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th Ave. Go west to Broadway,

then north to parking lot on right. Full day, bring lunch and water. Will carpool. Jumbo Reservoir pass is \$3.

April 15, Sunday. Easter – no trips scheduled.

April 21, Saturday

Chatfield Reservoir and State Park (CHA)

Leader: Jeff Herzog (303 674-4972)

Meet leader at 0800 at west entrance of park. From C470 take Wadsworth Blvd south 1 1/2 miles to entrance on left. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks pass required.

April 21, Saturday

Wray area, Greater Prairie-Chickens (WRA)

Leader: Karleen Schofield (303 936-8661)

Must register with leader before April 5 or after April 17.

For DFO members; guests accepted if space available. Meet leader at 0630 to carpool in Denver at Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 N. Broadway: Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west one block to Broadway, then north two blocks to DOW on right. Will look for spring migrants along the way before visiting private lek in afternoon. Access to lek limited to four vehicles. Full day trip; home 9-10pm. 1-2 miles walking. Bring lunch, supper and water as well as 2-way radio, if you have one. May need State Parks Pass, depending on final itinerary/weather.

April 21-22, Saturday & Sunday

Nebraska's Lake McConaughy (LMC)

Leader: Jackie King (303 287-1644)

Drive is 4 hours each way. Call leader for details.

April 28, Saturday

Lower Latham Rsvr., Hudson, and Greeley areas (LLR)

Leader: Dick Pratt (303 651-6860)

Meet leader at 0800 at Denver Museum of Nature and Science, east end of north parking lot. Full day trip. Bring lunch. We'll look for raptors and waders.

April 29, Sunday

Barr Lake (BAR)

Leaders: Marilyn & Lee Rowe (303 659-8069)

Meet leaders at 0800 at Nature Center in Park. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks pass required. Easy walking. Good for novice birders. Leaders know the area and its birds!

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer (303 233-4947)

Many DFO members contributed to the club's field trip success in 2000. A special thank you goes to Patty Echelmeyer, Jackie King, and Lynn Willcockson, the dedicated schedulers who made sure field trips were available to members every weekend throughout the year. Hugh Kingery and Dick Schottler took on the responsibilities for the New Year's, spring, fall and December counts, traditional activities that span many decades of club history.

Our thanks to the many members who served as leaders during the year and shared their birding knowledge and skills. Members who participated as observers on the trips are also valued. More eyes usually see more birds, both in individual numbers and numbers of species. Those numbers/species were recorded in the monthly "Lark Bunting" by Field Trip Report Editors David Laliberte and Carolyn Cooley who did an outstanding job assembling the data for publication.

The following summary of field activity, January - December, 2000, includes data from weekly field trips and May, September and December counts. "Additional" species reported to the newsletter but not seen on DFO trips are also noted.

102 DFO weekly field trips were scheduled in 2000; 7 were cancelled, mostly due to bad weather. The remaining 95 trips resulted in 99 days afield. Counts numbered 39 for a total of 134 club trips for the year.

233 members and 186 guests birded 1169 hours, drove 7073 miles while birding, and walked 362.75 miles to find the birds seen or heard on these trips. 312 species were identified on the outings. An additional 72 species were submitted to the newsletter's "Additional Reports", resulting in a total of 384 species reported.

All vireos except Gray Vireo were reported. 33 of 35 species in the "Towhees, Sparrows and Longspurs" group were seen. Highlight species included: Slaty-backed Gull, Tufted Duck, Common Crane (Nebr.), Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Alder Flycatcher, Common Moorhen, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Iceland Gull, Arctic Tern, Common Ground-Dove, Spotted Owl, Barred Owl and Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

56 members served as leaders throughout the year. 577 individuals were listed as members during the year; 233 members or 40% participated in field activities! Members plus guests totalled 419 participants.

Other area counts/trips: the Tuesday birders, who report their data to the "Lark Bunting" had 47 trips in 2000; the New Year's Day Audubon count had 13 trips (see full report in Feb. 2000 "Lark Bunting").

The above data represents an impressive volunteer contribution of time and talent. Thank you all! If you are a member who has yet to participate in a club field trip or count, please join the fun in 2001! Come for a few hours or stay all day. Most trips

offer flexibility based on your available time. Seize the opportunity, as leader or observer, to polish your birding skills and meet other birders who share your interest. If you are a beginner birder, just let the leader know, and you'll get lots of attention and help. Come join us!

Wishing you all good birding in 2001!!

Karleen Schofield
Coordinator for Field Trip Schedulers

DATA PAST FOUR YEARS

<u>Number of:</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Trips/counts	158	140	145	134
Trips/counts species	309	278	305	312
"Additional" species	90	101	65	72
Total species	399	379	370	384
Hours birded	975	826	1155.1	1169
Miles driven	9944	5602	8570.45	7073
Miles walked	258	255	375.25	362.75
Members participating	292	*	242	233
Guests	139	*	162	186
Total participants	431	*	404	419
Leaders	74	55	59	56

* not compiled

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MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM

NEW MEETING SITE STARTING IN MAY
SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 2
Program: Birding in Malaysia and Nepal
Speaker: Dan Bridges

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY March 2001

February 25, Sunday (LMC)
Lake McConaughy, Nebraska
Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Anne Southcott. **Time:** 0700-1800. **Distance:** 449 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains; elev. 4,850'. **Weather:** Clear; wind NW, 0-5 mph; temp. 24-50 °F. **Totals:** 37 Species, 5,974 Individuals.

March 3, Saturday (PUE)
Pueblo Area
Leader(s): David Silverman. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Leon Bright, Lisa Edwards, Warren Finch, Dave Johnson, George Mellott, Ellie Mellott, Seeta Moss, Nina Ogilvie, Brandon Percival, Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0800-1600. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Pueblo Reservoir, riparian, rural residential areas; elev. 4,700'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy am, cloudy pm; wind WSW, 0-10 mph; temp. 25-55 °F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 975 Individuals.

March 4, Sunday (WPB)
Walden Ponds and Boulder Area
Leader(s): Norm Erthal. **Observers:** George Armbrust, John Flavin, Bob Keener (PA), Richard Mendez. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian. **Weather:** Clear; wind E, 5 mph; temp. 40 °F. **Totals:** 35 Species, 442 Individuals.

March 10, Saturday (BAR)
Boulder Area - Raptors
Leader(s): Suzi & Myron Plooster.
Trip cancelled due to inclement weather.

March 11, Sunday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir & State Park
Leader(s): Dave Quesenberry. **Observers:** Pete Spambager, Randy Lentz. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, pond, marsh, riparian; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** Snowing, foggy, cold; wind none; temp. 27-32 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 806 Individuals.

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Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT COORDINATOR

Norm Erthal, 303-424-6747

March 17, Saturday (MFP)

Mt. Falcon - Blue Grouse

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** none. **Time:** 0745-0945. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa Pine, open meadow; elev. 7,500'. **Weather:** Cloudy, foggy, light snow falling; wind calm; temp. 25 °F. **Totals:** 6 Species, 15 Individuals.

March 18, Sunday (BLS)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Warren Finch, John Flavin, Lock Kilpatrick, Joan Little, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Lynn Shanks, Larry Wilson, Roni Wilson, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0700-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains, reservoir. **Weather:** Heavy fog early then mostly clear; wind W, 0-2 mph; temp. 28-45 °F. **Totals:** 46 Species, 1854 Individuals.

March 22-24, Thursday - Saturday (KNE)

Kearney, Neb. - Sandhill Crane Trip

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Margo Shimel, Gene Shimel, Traci Shimel, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen. **Time:** 0700-1800 (first day)/0700-1700 (second day)/0700-1730 (third day). **Distance:** 1000 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains; elev. 4,200'. **Weather:** Foggy, then sunny (first day)/rainy, cloudy (second day)/cloudy, misty (third day); wind S, 10/20/5 mph; temp. 35-58°F /20-42°F /20-38 °F. **Totals:** 63 Species, 17,343 Individuals.

March 24, Saturday (NEC)

N.E. Colorado

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Bob Bierling, Keith Chamberlain, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, John Flavin, Charlotte Harrison, Lock Kilpatrick, Randy Lentz, Richard Mendez, Jean Morgan, Chris Owens, Bob Spencer, Bob Wing, Ru Wing, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0630-1700. **Distance:** 370 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Weather:** Overcast, light mist, some snow; wind E, 5-15 mph; temp. 30-35 °F. **Totals:** 70 Species, 9140 Individuals.

March 25, Sunday (CHA)
Chatfield Reservoir and State Park
Leader(s): Bob Brown. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Mike Foster, Chuck Lowrie, Diana Mullineaux. **Time:** 0730-1145. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, open water; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** Foggy, overcast and gloomy; wind calm; temp. 30-35 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 227 Individuals.

March 31, Saturday (CAC)
Canon City Riverwalk & nearby areas
Data to be included in next Lark Bunting.

April 1, Sunday (LYO)
Lyons Area
Data to be included in next Lark Bunting.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

March 6, Tuesday (CNP)
Chatfield Nature Preserve
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33.
Time: 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper, open fields; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind SW, 0-10 mph; temp. 45-52 °F. **Totals:** 24 Species, 578 Individuals.

March 13, Tuesday (BLD)
Boulder - Walden & Sawhill Ponds
Leader(s): Ferd and Jo Dirckx, Ann Bonnell.
Observers: 37. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot (3 groups).
Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow, reclaimed gravel pits; elev. 5,363. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind SE, 0-7 mph; temp. 41-56 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 440 Individuals.

March 20, Tuesday (LMN)
Lookout Mountain Nature Center and Genesee Mountain Park
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 32.
Time: 0900-1200. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 0.75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa forests and open hillsides; elev. 7,400'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind Calm; temp. 38-40 °F. **Totals:** 14 Species, 57 Individuals.

March 27, Tuesday (WTN)
Waterton Canyon
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 18.
Time: 0900-1300. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow with rock outcrops; elev. 5,600'.
Weather: Sunny to cloudy; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 40-46 °F. **Totals:** 25 Species, 140 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

COULD THIS BE THE END?

Like many outstanding service organizations, the Denver Field Ornithologists attains its success on the strong shoulders of its membership. Since its formation in 1935 (as the Denver Bird Club), DFO has matured into one of the premier birding groups in the United States. We sponsor more field trips than any other birding club in the country, publish detailed trip compilations and details of upcoming trips, classes and excursions in *The Lark Bunting*, underwrite bird-related educational opportunities through our Educational Endowment Fund, and feature expert speakers at our monthly meetings. These activities, and many more, have been made possible over the years by the dedication of a multitude of talented and tireless volunteers.

In the Age of Technology, we were all supposed to have an abundance of leisure time. Computers were supposed to ease our workloads and simplify our lives. We would all enjoy ourselves! So what happened? Instead, it seems our jobs are more demanding, our personal lives more complicated, and our free time is an ever-shrinking commodity. We race from one obligation to the next.

In the midst of this chaos, many of us draw our spiritual refreshment from the hours we spend, alone or with our friends, watching birds. If we are not watching them, we are reading about them, or about the adventures of others, who observe, study and photograph them all over the world. One important center of these activities for many of us is the DFO. We enjoy the field trips, the newsletter, the meetings, and the camaraderie of our fellow birders.

In the whirlwind of our busy lives, however, it seems fewer and fewer of us can find time to contribute to the perpetuation of the activities we so enjoy. If hours need to be spent to publish a newsletter, well, surely someone will see that it gets done. If speakers need to be

arranged, or field trips organized, someone will handle it. Unfortunately, each time an important position in DFO has needed to be filled, or some longtime volunteer decides that it is finally time to step aside, it has become harder and harder to find anyone willing to step up and take on the responsibility. As a result, over the next several months, some difficult decisions will have to be made. The Officers and Directors will decide if the DFO can continue as a viable organization. If we disband, the club will need to find an appropriate way to dispose of the money in the Educational Endowment Fund. Or, perhaps we can continue to offer field trips, but discontinue publishing the schedules and trip results. Any comments or suggestions from the membership would certainly be welcomed. There are a number of possibilities, all of which share one thing in common- a reduced level of activity from that to which we have all become accustomed.

It really seems a shame that a group with as long and productive a history as the Denver Field Ornithologists should have to close its doors, but that seems to be where we are going. We live in a time in which everyone wants to enjoy the benefits of membership, but few want to make the personal sacrifices necessary to keep the operation running.

We will be meeting early in the summer to decide what course to take. We will keep you informed.

Norm Lewis
Past President
(Speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors)

NEW MEMBERS

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Educational Endowment Fund

None this month

Rare Bird Alert

Bryan A. Meincke

Our sincere appreciation to all those who donated to the Rare Bird Alert and Educational Endowment Fund. Your generosity keeps these valuable programs alive and well!

CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Sharp-tailed Grouse Dancing". Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6. Join a van trip from Denver, birding along the way. Stay in Hayden, and join the Nature Conservancy Saturday night for dinner followed by a slide show on the grouse. Sunday at dawn, view the grouse from the DOW blind. Leaders will be Hugh and Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723. For cost and registration, call Becky Beckers at 303-766-5266.

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 7/9-7/23/2001, and 11/19-12/3/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

"Ecuador and the Galapagos". There will be a trip to Ecuador followed by a trip to the famous islands that inspired Charles Darwin to

formulate his Theory of Evolution. The trips will take place in March 2002. Birders may travel to Ecuador only, or combine the Ecuador trip with the expedition to the Galapagos. The trips will be led by Norm Erthal. If interested, call Norm at 303-424-6747 or email him at normanpe@aol.com for more information.

"Gunnison Sage-Grouse Viewing". The Gunnison Sage-Grouse has recently been split as a separate species. The Waunita Lek east of Gunnison is a designated public viewing site. The lek is on private land, so viewing is from the road only! There is no blind, so you must watch from your car. Parking along the road adjacent to the lek is limited to five or six cars, first come, first parked. There is no overflow area. Birders must arrive one hour before sunrise and remain until activity subsides, usually around 8:00 A.M. Strutting season runs from late March to mid-May, with peak activity in mid-April. From downtown Gunnison, go east on highway 50 eighteen miles to county road 887 (road to Waunita Hot Springs). Turn left (north), go one-half mile to binocular sign and park at the side of the road. For more information, map and brochure, call the BLM at 970-641-0471. Tammy Scott, Gunnison Chamber of Commerce (970-641-1501; lodging and city map) and Dr. Patrick Magee of the Sisk-a-dee Environmental Organization (970-641-3959; slide show and discussion) also have information on the grouse. Thanks go to Diana Mullineaux for compiling and Karleen Schofield for submitting this valuable information!

COLORADO BIRD OBSERVATORY HAS A NEW NAME AND A NEW HOME

The Colorado Bird Observatory is now Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory. RMBO is headquartered in "The Old Stone House" at Barr Lake State Park. The house was renovated with the financial assistance of DFO and many other contributors. Their address is 14500 Lark Bunting Lane, Brighton, CO 80601. Their telephone number is 303-659-4348.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

MEETING SITES FOR MAY (and all future meetings)

The Denver Field Ornithologists will be meeting in alternate locations while the west end of the museum is undergoing extensive renovation. Starting in May, all monthly membership meetings will be held in the Grasslands Room at the Denver Zoo. Enter through the main gate; there will be a small security building on your right after you pass through. Turn right after the security building and walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. The Grasslands Room is on the first floor. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns. The first set of double doors on the left is the Grasslands studio where we will be meeting.

EDITORS NEEDED FOR LARK BUNTING

We need to replace the current team of editors. The compiling editor, Dave Quesenberry is retiring from the Lark Bunting at the end of this year. Currently nobody is entering the Upcoming trips so Dave has to type those in himself in addition to compiling the other editors' inputs. It would also be nice if some other members would help out and give the current team a break.

If you have a computer and email then YOU can help! Upcoming Field Trips and Announcements simply require some typing and emailing the result to the compiler. Additional Reports and Field Trip Counts are entered into Excel. If you do not have Excel the club will purchase it for you. If you are unfamiliar with

Excel we will show you how to use it. It will only take a few minutes and you will have acquired a new skill! Compiling the entire issue is a little more involved but Dave will show you how to do it. He is currently creating some simple instructions for compiling an issue of the Lark Bunting. You don't have to be a rocket scientist. You just need some enthusiasm and a desire to do your part in the club!

The hope is that several members will volunteer and then the duties can be alternated from month to month. In that case we would also need one person to act as a central repository for snail mail submissions. The central repository helper would need no computer skills – they would just forward the mail on to the appropriate volunteer for the current month. Remember, DFO is completely run by volunteers. If YOU do not help out it simply will not happen! Contact Dave Quesenberry if you are interested in helping with any part of the above.

Many thanks to Kim Sawyer and Veronica Holt for volunteering! The more volunteers we get the easier it will be for all. Also there is still a need for a new compiling editor!

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE MARCH 2001

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	25-Feb	3	4	11	17	18	22-24	24	25	6	13	20	27	
	LMC	PUE	WPB	CCR	MFP	BLS	KNE	NEC	CHA	CNP	BLD	LMN	WTN	
Common Loon		1												1
Pied-billed Grebe		6				1								7
Horned Grebe		25						1	3					29
Eared Grebe		16					1	3						20
Western Grebe		14												14
Clark's Grebe		1												1
American White Pelican								14						14
Double-crested Cormorant				1		2	8	9						20
Great Blue Heron	2	4	7				2	2	3					20
Snow Goose							3000	500						3500
"White morph"							2000							(2000)
"Blue morph"							1000							(1000)
Canada Goose	1940	75	59	50		52	450	59	26	200	130			3041
Trumpeter Swan	26													26
Wood Duck								6						6
Gadwall	20	8	21	60		16	45	149	1		26			346
American Wigeon		50	21	2		2		110			23			208
Mallard	40	25	21	20		40	30	137	8	45	30		7	403
Blue-winged Teal	8						10							18
Cinnamon Teal								2			4			6
Northern Shoveler			2			50	130	70			2			254
Northern Pintail		3				35		60						98
Green-winged Teal		2	6	50		40	20	874			22			1014
Canvasback		2						450						452
Redhead	70	30	77	4		26	250	3800			8			4265
Ring-necked Duck		22	90			100	2	44			42			300
Greater Scaup						1		1						2
Lesser Scaup	3	12				12	25	607						659
Scaup Sp						20								20
Oldsquaw		1												1
Bufflehead	5	12				2	11	3			3			36
Common Goldeneye	300	50	4	5		10	10	8	8		3			398
Hooded Merganser		14	7								4			25
Common Merganser	65	6	3	200		6	2	35	14					331
Red-breasted Merganser		1		8							3			12
Ruddy Duck						16	5	1						22
Osprey									1					1
Bald Eagle	7	7	3			2(1a,1i)	3	4						26
Northern Harrier	6	2				4	4	5	1	1	1			24
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1				1						2	4
Cooper's Hawk						1								1
Red-tailed Hawk	19	3	3			2	101	47	5	4	3	3	3	193
western races			(3)			(2)								(5)
Ferruginous Hawk	8	1	1				4	3						17
Rough-legged Hawk	25					1	5	5						36
Golden Eagle	6						5			1	2 (1i)			14
American Kestrel	14	1	3	1		6	18	22	3	5			4	77
Peregrine Falcon							1							1
Prairie Falcon	4						2	1		1				8
Ring-necked Pheasant							1	1						2
Wild Turkey								120						120
Scaled Quail		25												25
Virginia Rail				1										1

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE MARCH 2001

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	25-Feb	3	4	11	17	18	22-24	24	25		6	13	20	27	
	LMC	PUE	WPB	CCR	MFP	BLS	KNE	NEC	CHA		CNP	BLD	LMN	WTN	
American Coot	11	30		20		65	5					5			136
Sandhill Crane							10,000								10000
Killdeer		1		3		8	40	6	2			5			65
Greater Yellowlegs			1												1
Sanderling				2											2
Franklin's Gull									1						1
Ring-billed Gull	110	100	15	250		1000	235	175	18			16			1919
California Gull		1		10				7	5						23
Herring Gull	6	12		10		1			3						32
Thayer's Gull				1											1
Glaucous-winged Gull		x (hyb)													1
Rock Dove	1180	10				13	40	11			5	7		4	1270
Eurasian Collared-dove								3							3
Mourning Dove							10	1							11
Great Horned Owl						3	1	2			1 (m)	1 (m)			8
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	3				1	2	2			2		1	13
Red-bellied Woodpecker							1	2							3
Downy Woodpecker		1		1		3	5	4				4			18
"Rocky Mountain" race		(1)													(1)
"eastern" race				(1)											(1)
Hairy Woodpecker								1					1		2
Northern Flicker		4	6	20		5	17	5	7		10	5		7	86
"Yellow-shafted" race							(1)	(1)							(2)
"Red-shafted" race		(4)	(6)	(20)		(5)	(16)	(4)							(55)
Eastern Phoebe							1								1
Say's Phoebe									1						1
Northern Shrike	1														1
Stellar's Jay													3	2	5
Blue Jay		1	7			1	2	12							23
Western Scrub-Jay														7	7
Black-billed Magpie	18	24	22	15	2	15	22	29	14		14	15	4	9	203
American Crow	2	8	7	13	5		45	1	7		150	3	5	2	248
Common Raven			4		1				1		1			3	10
Horned Lark	27	6			2		10	8							53
Tree Swallow								1	10						11
Black-capped Chickadee		4	3	4		12	10	5	11		8	20	1	6	84
Mountain Chickadee											1		4		5
White-breasted Nuthatch							3	1	2		2	1	5		14
Pygmy Nuthatch					4								16		20
Brown Creeper		1	1												2
Canyon Wren														2	2
American Dipper													6		6
Eastern Bluebird							4	5							9
Western Bluebird		7					4								11
Mountain Bluebird						4							1		5

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	LMC	PUE	WPB	CCR	MFP	BLS	KNE	NEC	CHA	CNP	BLD	LMN	WTN	
Townsend's Solitaire		5			1								8	14
American Robin	2	8	2			16	200	191	8	4	6	1	8	446
Northern Mockingbird								1						1
Sage Thrasher							1							1
Curve-billed Thrasher		2												2
European Starling	1500	75	16	1		100	500	207	20	70	20		25	2534
Cedar Waxwing							40	9						49
Yellow-rumped Warbler			3											3
Spotted Towhee													12	12
Canyon Towhee		2												2
American Tree Sparrow	8			20		7	20	1	5					61
Song Sparrow	1	6	3	12		13	1	1	3	4	7		5	56
Harris's Sparrow		1												1
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race		11				8		33 (33)					1	53 (33)
Dark-eyed Junco "White-winged" race "Slate-colored" race "Oregon" race "Pink-sided" race junco race	2 (1) (1) (7) (4) (2)	46 (1) (1) (7) (33)		2 (1) (1)		16 (1) 5 (15)	25 5 20	32 (27) (5)	25	20		6 (1) (5)	6	180 (3) (7) (70) (9) (40)
Northern Cardinal							8	3						11
Red-winged Blackbird	500	75	10	20		90	245	790	6	6	15			1757
Western Meadowlark	12	4	3			10	135	38	3	5	2		1	213
Brewer's Blackbird								70						70
Common Grackle							1420	12						1432
Great-tailed Grackle								253						253
Brown-headed Cowbird							6							6
House Finch	15	50	3			6	45	11		15		5	6	156
Pine Siskin												2		2
American Goldfinch		20	4			4	20	14						62
House Sparrow	10	40				7	75	40		5			3	180
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	5974	975	442	806	15	1854	17343	9140	227	578	440	57	140	37,992
TOTAL SPECIES	37	60	35	29	6	46	63	70	32	24	33	14	25	116
OBSERVATION LEGEND: a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare,unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated														

MARCH 2001 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units						
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	116	37,992	21	226	169.75	2074	67.95
DFO FIELD TRIPS	109	36,777	9	63	79.8	1866.0	18.5
TUESDAY BIRDERS	52	1,215	4	120	13.5	6.0	10.8
IDENTIFIED FORMS: - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 1 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 3							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							
Trumpeter swan, Glaucous-winged Gull (Hybrid?), Eurasian Collared-dove							

March Additional Reports

Species	From	To	Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
Common Loon	3/3	3/24	1 basic	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Joey Kellner, Brandon Percival, Andrew Spencer
Greater White-fronted Goose	3/5		1	Union Reservoir	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Long-tailed Duck	3/2	3/3	1f	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner
Merlin	3/17		1f	Campo	Baca	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Lesser Prairie-Chicken	3/17		3	Campo	Baca	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Dunlin	3/4		1 basic	Huerfano Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Mark Janos
Mew Gull	3/5	3/10	1a basic	Jim Hanim Park	Boulder	Karleen Schofield, Norm Erthal, Peter Gent, Andrew Spencer, m obs.
Thayer's Gull	3/1	3/4	1 molting into 1st Alternate	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m obs.
Glaucous Gull	3/23		1 first basic	John Martin Reservoir	Beet	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Glaucous Gull	3/25		1a basic	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Glaucous-winged Gull	3/7	3/12	1 first basic	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Andrew Spencer, Joey Kellner
Eurasian Collared-dove	3/17		20	Rocky Ford	Otero	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Inca Dove	3/23	3/25	1s	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford, Mark Janos
Greater Roadrunner	3/23		1	East of Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Western Screech-Owl	3/9		1	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3/25		1	Rd. SS & 7	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	3/23		1f	West of Hixbee	Otero	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Bushy	3/8		3	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Karleen Schofield, Andrew Spencer, J.B. Hayes
Bushy	3/13		3	Dakota Hoagback	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Pygmy Nuthatch	3/25		2	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	3/3		4	Canon City-Tunnel Drive	Fremont	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	3/23		4s	West of Hixbee	Otero	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Black-throated Sparrow	3/23		2s	South of Hixbee	Otero	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Harris's Sparrow	3/9	3/16	1 to 2i	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Ken Holling
Harris's Sparrow	3/17		1i	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Lapland Longspur	3/11		1m, 1f	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Northern Cardinal	3/25		1m, 1f	Lamar C.C. grove	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Pine Siskin	3/17		250	Lamar Cemetery	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)

Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next month's Lark Bunting

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

MAY FIELD TRIPS

May 5, Saturday

Doudy Draw Trail, Boulder DDT

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster, 303-494-6708

Meet leaders at the north parking lot of U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories, 325 Broadway. From U.S. 36, go west on Baseline Rd. to light at 27th Way. Turn left, continuing to Broadway. Cross Broadway and enter Lab grounds; parking lot on right. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Plan to walk 3+ miles on scenic trails at a leisurely pace. Will be looking for scrub jays, warblers, buntings and bluebirds. Trip will end in the early afternoon.

May 6, Sunday

Longmont area to include Lyons LON

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 0630 at the Safeway on the southeast corner of 17th and Pace. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO-119 to Boulder/Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to Jim Hamm Park on left (Hygiene Rd. or 17th Ave.) From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway. Bring lunch. Trip will go to mid or late afternoon. This trip especially good for novice birders and new members.

May 11, 12, 13, Friday - Sunday

Bonny Reservoir BON

Leader: Bob Righter, 303-692-8529

Meet leader at Foster Grove Campground, 16:00 Friday night. To reach Foster Grove Campground from U.S. 385 take county road 3 east about 1 1/2 miles to the entrance station. You can camp at the campground or make reservations at motels in Idalia or Burlington. The Prairie Vista Motel in Idalia can be contacted at 970-354-7237. Bob and Nancy Bierling, 303-758-6671, have agreed to facilitate carpooling from Denver so please call them to share a ride. If you can't meet the leader Friday night, please call him. He is willing to meet people at 08:00 Saturday but needs to know if this is necessary. Plan to bring food for Friday night, all day Saturday and Sunday. Bring extra water. Bring portable communication devices if you have them. State Parks Pass required. The trip will end at noon on Sunday.

SPRING COUNT - PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP!

May 12 & 13

May 19 and 20 CFO convention-Pueblo

May 19, Saturday

Rigli Ranch RIG

Leader: Joe Rigli, 970-483-5200

Meet leader at ranch at 0800. From Hudson, go east on CO 52 until it turns north. Don't turn north but continue east on Morgan County Rd F to CR 14, then turn north about one mile to first house on left by boxcars. Bring lunch and extra water.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

MAY FIELD TRIPS (continued)

May 20, Sunday

Barr Lake State Park BAR

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069

Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center. Easy walking on a good trail. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Great Blue Heron and cormorant rookeries are located at Barr Lake. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

May 20, Sunday

Carpenter Peak, Roxborough State Park ROX

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072

Meet leader at 0800 at the Nature Center at Roxborough State Park. This will be a six-mile hike on a good trail that gains 1000 feet in altitude. Bring lunch and water for a trip that will probably end around 2 pm. State Parks pass required. Will be looking for spring migrants, bluebirds and resident Golden Eagles. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

May 26, Saturday

Two Ponds TWO

Leader: Dave Rhodes, 303-424-8633

Meet leader at the northwest corner of the Target parking lot at 0800 at the southwest corner of 80th and Wadsworth. Half day trip, good for beginning birders and new members. Trip may include Standley Lake.

May 27, Sunday

Southwest Suburban, to include Highline Canal, McClellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, Louviers and Daniels Park SWS

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000

Meet at 0700 south of Albertson's on northwest corner of S. Broadway and County Line Road. Last year, this trip found gnatcatchers, bluebirds and Lewis' Woodpeckers. Bring lunch for an all-day trip.

May 26, 27 & 28, Saturday - Monday

Crescent Lake Wildlife Area, Nebraska CRE

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at the Denver Museum of Science and Nature. Bring lunch for all three days. Sunday breakfast will be at a convenience store with a microwave. Monday morning breakfast will be at a restaurant. Nebraska State Parks Pass required. We will stay Friday night at Shady Rest Motel, 308-772-4115, in Oshgosh. Saturday night we will stay at McCarroll's Motel, 308-762-3680, in Alliance. We will stop at Tamarack Ranch, Prewitt Reservoir and Ash Hollow State Park on Friday. Saturday will be spent at Crescent Lake, which is known for nesting shorebirds and waterfowl. Sunday we will bird at the North Platte NWR near Scottsbluff. Come prepared for rain and wind. Four wheel drive or high clearance vehicles are recommended. We plan to return to Denver by 1900 Monday night. Call leader to arrange carpooling.

Scheduled by Jackie King



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MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 5
Program: "Bird Photography Tour of Fair Isle and Spitsbergen"
Speaker: Matt Cox
Location: Denver Zoo

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Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 303-424-2144

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DFO FIELD TRIPS FOR APRIL 2001

April 1, Sunday (LYO)

Lyons Area

Leader(s): Raymond Davis. **Observers:** Marlene Andrews, Patty Echelmeyer, Tammy Ellsworth, Jim Fisher, John Flavin, Peggy Hankins, Pearl Jordon, Chuck Lowrie, Victor Luna, Jean Morgan, Don Mullineaux, Diana Mullineaux, Ira Sanders, Karleen Schofield, Anne Southcott, Linda Wittehead, Ru Wing, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** City park with cliffs, feeders in ponderosa pine; elev. 6,000'. **Weather:** windy; temp. 50 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 182 Individuals.

April 5, Thursday (WHE)

Wheatridge Greenbelt

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Barbara Fay, Jean Hageman, Glenn Hageman, Peggy Hankins, Betty Minges, Rich O'Leary, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Maureen Zabler, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes; elev. 6,000'. **Weather:** Balmy, partly cloudy, some haze in early morning; wind calm; temp. 45-55 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 647 Individuals.

April 7, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir & State Park

Leader(s): Larry Modesitt. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Bob Brown, Gail Evans, Gregg Goodrich, Peggy Hankins, Marian Kyle, Judith McNickel, Sig Nelson. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 11.5 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, marsh, riparian, woods; elev. 5,400'. **Weather:** Clear; wind 10 mph; temp. 45-60 °F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 491 Individuals.

April 8, Sunday (HIC)

High Country Birding including Guanella Pass

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Beverlee Guild, Toni Rautus, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Bob Wing, Ru Wing. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 120 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Alpine tundra, conifer forest; elev. 8,000'-11,665'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, windy; wind W, 0-35 mph; temp. 25-60 °F. **Totals:** 20 Species, 262 Individuals.

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April 14, Saturday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado Plains - includes Jumbo Reservoir, Ovid Woods, etc.

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Gail Evans, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Jack Reddall, Anne Southcott, Andrew Spencer, Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0615-1715. **Distance:** 275 miles by car, 5 miles on foot.

Habitat: Reservoir, campground, grasslands.

Weather: Mostly cloudy to partly cloudy; wind W, 5-20 mph; temp. 29-58 °F. **Totals:** 8-Species, 5043 Individuals.

April 21, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield Reservoir & State Park

Leader(s): Jeff Herzog. **Observers:** Dan Brachear, Susan Gaarder, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Peggy Hankins, Pat Hennessy, Barbara Hoover, Vince Kloster, Judith Kohl, Charlie Lawrence, John McDonald, Lisa Niederschmidt, Colleen Nunn, Chuck Walters.

Time: 0800-1200. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir.

Weather: Clear early, then cloudy; wind W to S, 1-3 mph early, then strong breeze; temp. 40-50 °F. **Totals:** 45 Species, 484 Individuals.

April 21, Saturday (WRA)

Wray area, Greater Prairie-Chickens

Leader(s): Karleen Schofield.

TRIP CANCELLED

April 21-22, Saturday & Sunday (LMC)

Nebraska's Lake McConaughy

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Kathleen Nelson. **Time:** 0700-1900/0800-1500.

Distance: 600 miles by car, 0 miles on foot.

Habitat: Riparian, plains; elev. 5,280'.

Weather: Day 1 clear, Day 2 cold, snow, blizzard; wind N, 25-30 mph; temp. 38-54/38-30 °F. **Totals:** 63 Species, 3451 Individuals.

April 28, Saturday (LLR)
Lower Latham Reservoir, Hudson, and Greeley areas

Leader(s): Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Warren Finch, John Flavin, Beverlee Guild, Liz Krider, Richard Mendez, Kathy Nelson, Chris Owens, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0900-1530. **Distance:** 150 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, ponds, riparian, farmland; elev. 4,500'. **Weather:** Clear morning, afternoon storm; wind calm; temp. 50-75 °F. **Totals:** 68 Species, 2,652 Individuals.

April 29, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake

Leader(s): Marilyn & Lee Rowe. **Observers:** Jim Berry, Ashi Getting, Ivan Getting, Peggy Hankins, Carol Haskell, Mary Stallings (visitor). **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind NW, 0-18 mph; temp. 55-76 °F. **Totals:** 42 Species, 562 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

April 3, Tuesday (CSP)
Chatfield State Park

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas; elev. 5,430'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind NE, 3-5 mph; temp. 50-69 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 245 Individuals.

April 10, Tuesday (MWP)
Matthews/Winters Park

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 22. **Time:** 0900-1100. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, transitional zone with Juniper & Ponderosa Pine; elev. 5,700'. **Weather:** Fog and drizzle; wind N, 0-3 mph; temp. 37 °F. **Totals:** 14 Species, 123 Individuals.

April 17, Tuesday (WRG)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader(s): Judy Miller. **Observers:** 15. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles

on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5,386. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind NW, 3-7 mph; temp. 50-55 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 401 Individuals.

April 17-19, Tuesday-Thursday (GSG)
Gunnison Sage Grouse (Monarch Pass, Blue Mesa Reservoir, McCabe's Wetlands, Airport Wetlands, Gunnison State Wildlife Area, Wuanita Lek and Hot Springs)

Leader(s): Mary Cay Burger and Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 18. **Time:** 25 hours. **Distance:** 612 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Front range foothills to timberline, west slope sagebrush, riparian; elev. 7,703-11,312. **Weather:** Clear to cloudy, no precipitation; wind variable, 0-30 mph; temp. 30-65 °F. **Totals:** 71 Species, 1,325 Individuals.

April 24, Tuesday (HWD)
Hawk Watch at Dinosaur Ridge, Matthews/Winters and Red Rocks Parks

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, transitional zone with Juniper and Ponderosa Pine, shrubland and city park; elev. 5,700-6,600. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 55 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 160 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

THE END IS NOT IN SIGHT!

How things can change in a month. No fewer than eight members volunteered to help with the Lark Bunting. This is really nice because it allows the work to be spread out. We owe a big round of applause and many thanks to the following DFO members who have stepped up and volunteered to help keep the Lark Bunting going.

Veronica Holt
Kim Sawyer
Andrew Spencer
Cris Cook
Elna Cain
Diane Lane
Chris Owens
Ruth Breckon

Also, congratulations to the officers and directors elected at the May membership meeting.

President – Carolyn Cooley
Vice President – Toni Rautus
Treasurer – Glenn Hageman
Secretary – Jeane Hageman
Directors – Mary Burger & Andrew Spencer

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Educational Endowment Fund

None this month

Rare Bird Alert

None this month

Our sincere appreciation to all those who donated to the Rare Bird Alert and Educational Endowment Fund. Your generosity keeps these valuable programs alive and well!

CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 7/9-7/23/2001, and 11/19-12/3/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

"Ecuador and the Galapagos". There will be a trip to Ecuador followed by a trip to the famous islands that inspired Charles Darwin to formulate his Theory of Evolution. The trips will take place in March 2002. Birders may travel to Ecuador only, or combine the Ecuador trip with the expedition to the Galapagos. The trips will be led by Norm Erthal. If interested, call Norm at 303-424-6747 or email him at normanpe@aol.com for more information.

COLORADO BIRD OBSERVATORY HAS A NEW NAME AND A NEW HOME

The Colorado Bird Observatory is now Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory. RMBO is headquartered in "The Old Stone House" at Barr Lake State Park. The house was renovated with the financial assistance of DFO and many other contributors. Their address is 14500 Lark Bunting Lane, Brighton, CO 80601. Their telephone number is 303-659-4348.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

DIRECTIONS TO DENVER ZOO MEETING SITE

The monthly membership meetings are held in the Grasslands Room at the Denver Zoo. Enter through the main gate; there will be a small security building on your right after you pass through. Turn right after the security building and walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. The Grasslands Room is on

the first floor. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns. The first set of double doors on the left is the Grasslands studio where we will be meeting.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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APRIL 2001 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units							
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	160	16,681	16	217	112.3	1875.5	31
DFO FIELD TRIPS	151	14,427	11	103	75.8	1247.5	22.0
TUESDAY BIRDERS	92	2,254	5	114	36.5	628.0	9.0
IDENTIFIED FORMS: - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 1							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							
Black-legged Kittiwake							

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										
	31-Mar	1	6	7	8	12	14	21	21-22	28	29
	CNC	LYO	WHE	CCR	HIC	HAW	NEC	CHA	LMC	LLR	BAR
Common Loon									3		
Pied-billed Grebe	2		4							4	
Horned Grebe							3	1	1		
Eared Grebe										2	3
Western Grebe			1	35			90	18	305	10	2
Clark's Grebe				1						4	
American White Pelican				1			200		474	18	2
Double-crested Cormorant			2 /	9			38	27	161	4	50
Great Blue Heron	8	1	6	6			11	3	5	6	7
Black-crowned Night-Heron				2							
White-faced Ibis							26		4	60	
Turkey Vulture	3					3		2	13		
Snow Goose "White morph" "Blue morph"							5				
Canada Goose	30	3	95	10			20	10	27	10	5
Wood Duck				2			6				
Gadwall	2		25	11			42	2	10	25	20
American Wigeon	6		20				12		90	6	
Mallard	10	4	60	12				46	23	12	30
Blue-winged Teal							21		8	6	2
Cinnamon Teal	4			2			14			26	
Northern Shoveler	4		40				60		13	20	12
Northern Pintail	10		1				4			6	3
Green-winged Teal	20		8	77			36		1	4	
Canvasback	1										
Redhead	11			2			1		1	2	
Ring-necked Duck	28		2							4	
Lesser Scaup	18		15				1	2	100	24	8
Bufflehead	1		4						6	2	
Common Goldeneye	1		16	1							
Hooded Merganser	2		4								
Common Merganser	9			6				8	1		
Red-breasted Merganser	2										
Ruddy Duck	3						4			2	15
Osprey						1	2	3			
Bald Eagle						1	1 (i)			2	
Northern Harrier						1	2	1 (m)	7	3	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk						9		1	2		
Cooper's Hawk			1 (l)			14			1		
Broad-winged Hawk											
Swainson's Hawk							12 (d)		9	10	3
Red-tailed Hawk	4	3 (In)	1	5		9	6	5	18	2	1
Ferruginous Hawk									2		
Rough-legged Hawk				1			2		2		
Golden Eagle		2									
American Kestrel	4	2		2		2	42	3	28	6	3
Merlin							1				
Peregrine Falcon	2						1				
Prairie Falcon						2			4		
Ring-necked Pheasant				2 (h)			3		2	2	1 (h)
Gunnison Sage Grouse											
White-tailed Ptarmigan					30						

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Wild Turkey									9		
Scaled Quail	20										
Northern Bobwhite							25				
Virginia Rail				2 (h)						1	
American Coot	50		30	18			35	16	14	20	40
Sandhill Crane											
Killdeer	2			6			14	2	2	4	
Black-necked Stilt										6	
American Avocet			2				35		2	35	
Greater Yellowlegs				1			36				
Lesser Yellowlegs							14	1		1	
Willet									1		
Spotted Sandpiper											
Long-billed Curlew											
Marbled Godwit										1	
Baird's Sandpiper							10		1		
Long-billed Dowitcher							2			6	
Common Snipe							4				
Wilson's Phalarope										40	
Franklin's Gull	1						200	16	176		15
Bonaparte's Gull								16			
Ring-billed Gull			35	58			56	21	187	1500	
California Gull	1			21			4	4		1	
Herring Gull				9					2		
Black-legged Kittiwake								1			
Rock Dove	30	20	5	1			50	1	23	30	
Mourning Dove	20		2				12	7	30	12	14
Great Horned Owl				1			4		1		
Burrowing Owl										14	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1										
White-throated Swift	6					2					
Belted Kingfisher	1	2	2				3	4	3	1	
Williamson's Sapsucker					1 (m)						
Downy Woodpecker	1	3	4	2			1	6			5
"Rocky Mountain" race	(1)										
Hairy Woodpecker	1	1					1		1		
"Rocky Mountain" race	(1)										
Three-toed Woodpecker					1 (m)						
Northern Flicker	6	3	25	7		1	19	14	21		5
"Yellow-shafted" race						(1)			(3)		
"Red-shafted" race	(6)	(3)	(25)	(7)					(18)		(5)
Say's Phoebe	1						1				
Western Kingbird										2	
Loggerhead Shrike							4	1	6	3	
Northern Shrike		1									
Gray Jay					6						
Steller's Jay		5			3						

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Blue Jay	2	1	3	1			3				11
Western Scrub-Jay	3					3					
Pinyon Jay	1	15									
Clark's Nutcracker		1									
Black-billed Magpie	10	2	12	30	1	3	35	16	21	4	14
American Crow	3	7	10	5	25	1	3	2	14	4	1
Common Raven	6	5			3	2		2			
Horned Lark							70		3	6	
Tree Swallow				3						4	3
Violet-green Swallow								50			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow										1	
Cliff Swallow							1		12	30	
Barn Swallow								2	7	2	
Black-capped Chickadee	4	3	12	16		3	7	11	4		7
Mountain Chickadee	3	4			8	1					
Juniper Titmouse	1										
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2									
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	3	4				1 (*)				
Pygmy Nuthatch		4			2 (h)						
Brown Creeper						2					
Rock Wren	1										
Canyon Wren	1	2									
Bewick's Wren	2										
House Wren											10
Marsh Wren	2									4	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						2	1				1
Western Bluebird											
Mountain Bluebird	12	4									
Townsend's Solitaire	4	4					1				
Hermit Thrush	1										
American Robin	6	6	14	24	1	2	180	15	115	10	17
Sage Thrasher											
Brown Thrasher									1		
Curve-billed Thrasher	1										
European Starling	10	20	25	32	10		500	12	550	100	100
Cedar Waxwing		13					25		70		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1						3	30			8
"Myrtle" race	(1)						(2)	(10)			(5)
"Audubon's" race							(1)	(20)			(3)
Common Yellowthroat							1				
Green-tailed Towhee											
Spotted Towhee	1							1			1
Canyon Towhee	3										
Chipping Sparrow											2
Vesper Sparrow							6			1	

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Sage Sparrow											
Savannah Sparrow							1			2	
Song Sparrow	4		18	5	1 (h)			6		1	4
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race	6 (6)						3 (3)				1
Dark-eyed Junco "White-winged" race "Slate-colored" race "Oregon" race "Pink-sided" race "Gray-headed" race junco race	30 (10) (5) (15)	13 (1) (4) (5) (3)		2 (1) (1) 	10 (2) (8)	1 (1)	4 (4)		3		
McCown's Longspur							9				
Red-winged Blackbird	40		20	32	6		1200	20	541	100	30
Western Meadowlark	4	1		12		3	93	44	62	20	1
Yellow-headed Blackbird							1500		50	300	
Brewer's Blackbird							30			6	
Common Grackle	1		2				40	24	135	40	100
Great-tailed Grackle							8		3	35	
Brown-headed Cowbird							1			1	2
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	2				125						
Black Rosy-Finch	1				10						
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch					15						
Pine Grosbeak					1 (m)						
Cassin's Finch	14										
House Finch	30	6	2	5			2	1	25	1	
Pine Siskin	10	2									
American Goldfinch	10	7		9			30	6		1	
Evening Grosbeak	15						2				
House Sparrow	12	7	115	2	3		87		35	20	2
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	585	182	647	491	262	68	5043	484	3451	2652	562
TOTAL SPECIES	75	36	38	44	20	22	80	45	63	68	42
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated, d=dark morph, * = eastern race										

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTALS
	3 CSP	10 MWP	17 WRG	17-19 GSG	24 HWD	
Common Loon						3
Pied-billed Grebe			1	2		13
Horned Grebe						5
Eared Grebe	1					6
Western Grebe	7			26		494
Clark's Grebe						5
American White Pelican				20		715
Double-crested Cormorant	1		1			293
Great Blue Heron	7		8	15		83
Black-crowned Night-Heron						2
White-faced Ibis				29		119
Turkey Vulture				27	16	64
Snow Goose						5
"White morph"						
"Blue morph"						
Canada Goose	9		60	80		359
Wood Duck						8
Gadwall	22		25	5		189
American Wigeon			10	3		147
Mallard	14	2	15	140		368
Blue-winged Teal			2			39
Cinnamon Teal				7		53
Northern Shoveler			3	6		158
Northern Pintail						24
Green-winged Teal				23		169
Canvasback						1
Redhead				10		27
Ring-necked Duck				7		41
Lesser Scaup			17	31		216
Bufflehead	2		2	2		19
Common Goldeneye	2		4	3		27
Hooded Merganser						6
Common Merganser	4			6		34
Red-breasted Merganser						2
Ruddy Duck						24
Osprey	1			2	1	10
Bald Eagle						4
Northern Harrier						15
Sharp-shinned Hawk					4	16
Cooper's Hawk			1	2	7	26
Broad-winged Hawk					1	1
Swainson's Hawk			1	7		42
Red-tailed Hawk	4 (1d)	1	1	7	10	77
Ferruginous Hawk				1		3
Rough-legged Hawk				3		8
Golden Eagle				2	1	5
American Kestrel	1	4		10	3	110
Merlin						1
Peregrine Falcon					1	4
Prairie Falcon	1				1	8
Ring-necked Pheasant						10
Gunnison Sage Grouse				32 (3f)		32
White-tailed Ptarmigan						30

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	3 CSP	10 MWP	17 WRG	17-19 GSG	24 HWD	
Wild Turkey						9
Scaled Quail						20
Northern Bobwhite						25
Virginia Rail						3
American Coot			32	2		257
Sandhill Crane				4		4
Killdeer	4		2	7		43
Black-necked Stilt						6
American Avocet						74
Greater Yellowlegs						37
Lesser Yellowlegs						16
Willet						1
Spotted Sandpiper				1		1
Long-billed Curlew	1					1
Marbled Godwit						1
Baird's Sandpiper						11
Long-billed Dowitcher						8
Common Snipe	1			3		8
Wilson's Phalarope						40
Franklin's Gull				2		410
Bonaparte's Gull						16
Ring-billed Gull	27			40		1924
California Gull						31
Herring Gull						11
Black-legged Kittiwake						1
Rock Dove			2	3	22	187
Mourning Dove					1	98
Great Horned Owl						6
Burrowing Owl						14
Northern Saw-whet Owl						1
White-throated Swift				9	14	31
Belted Kingfisher	4			1		21
Williamson's Sapsucker				1		1
Downy Woodpecker		2	1	1		26
"Rocky Mountain" race						(1)
Hairy Woodpecker						4
"Rocky Mountain" race						(1)
Three-toed Woodpecker						1
Northern Flicker	6	7	12	12	4	142
"Yellow-shafted" race						(4)
"Red-shafted" race						(64)
Say's Phoebe				2		4
Western Kingbird						2
Loggerhead Shrike				1		15
Northern Shrike						1
Gray Jay						6
Steller's Jay				2		10

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	3 CSP	10 MWP	17 WRG	17-19 GSG	24 HWD	
Blue Jay				1		22
Western Scrub-Jay		1		2	16	25
Pinyon Jay						16
Clark's Nutcracker				2		3
Black-billed Magpie	18	8	5	45	8	232
American Crow	4		5	150	7	241
Common Raven			/	30	1	49
Horned Lark				6		85
Tree Swallow	1			15		26
Violet-green Swallow				4	3	57
Northern Rough-winged Swallow						1
Cliff Swallow						43
Barn Swallow			1			12
Black-capped Chickadee	7	3	10	10	3	100
Mountain Chickadee				2	1	19
Juniper Titmouse						1
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1	3
White-breasted Nuthatch			4			14
Pygmy Nuthatch						6
Brown Creeper						2
Rock Wren						1
Canyon Wren					1	4
Bewick's Wren						2
House Wren						10
Marsh Wren			1			7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1	2	6	13
Western Bluebird				21		21
Mountain Bluebird		36				52
Townsend's Solitaire					1	10
Hermit Thrush				1		2
American Robin	7	20	30	40	4	491
Sage Thrasher				6		6
Brown Thrasher						1
Curve-billed Thrasher						1
European Starling	15		17	40	2	1433
Cedar Waxwing						108
Yellow-rumped Warbler			14			56
"Myrtle" race			(4)			(22)
"Audubon's" race			(10)			(34)
Common Yellowthroat						1
Green-tailed Towhee				1		1
Spotted Towhee		4			7	14
Canyon Towhee						3
Chipping Sparrow					1	3
Vesper Sparrow				5		12

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Sage Sparrow			1			1
Savannah Sparrow						3
Song Sparrow	4		10	9	1	63
White-crowned Sparrow				4		14
"Gambel's" race						(9)
Dark-eyed Junco		2		3	5	73
"White-winged" race						(1)
"State-colored" race						(1)
"Oregon" race						(16)
"Pink-sided" race						(15)
"Gray-headed" race						(26)
junco race						(1)
McCown's Longspur						9
Red-winged Blackbird	55	25	70	250	1	2390
Western Meadowlark	15	8		9	5	277
Yellow-headed Blackbird				2		1852
Brewer's Blackbird						36
Common Grackle			16	63		421
Great-tailed Grackle						46
Brown-headed Cowbird						4
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch						127
Black Rosy-Finch						11
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch						15
Pine Grosbeak						1
Cassin's Finch						14
House Finch				2		74
Pine Siskin						12
American Goldfinch			6			69
Evening Grosbeak						17
House Sparrow			10	2		295
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	245	123	401	1325	160	16,681
TOTAL SPECIES	29	14	36	71	33	160
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated, d=dark morph, * = eastern race					

April Additional Reports

Species	Date From	To	Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
Common Loon	4/17	- 4/19	2	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones
NEOTROPIC CORMORANT	4/8		1a	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald
Greater Scaup	4/3	- 4/21	1	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones
Greater Scaup	4/11	- 4/21	1m, 2f	Fort Logan Cemetary pond	Denver	Tina Jones
Greater Scaup	4/28		1f	Chatfield Reservoir Wetlands	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Long-tailed Duck	4/9		1f	Rock Canyon Swim beach pond	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Goshawk	4/11		1a	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Broad-winged Hawk	4/20		1a	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, David Quesenberry
Broad-winged Hawk	4/22		1a	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Peregrine Falcon	4/11		2	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Peregrine Falcon	4/19		1	Rocky Ford sewer ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival
Blue Grouse	4/11		1 rare on plains	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Nathan Pieplow
Whimbrel	4/22		1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Whimbrel	4/27		1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Andrew Spencer
Pectoral Sandpiper	4/15		2	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Duane Nelson
Pectoral Sandpiper	4/20		6	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, David Quesenberry
Pectoral Sandpiper	4/22		3	Lake Holbrook pond	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Thayer's Gull	4/5		1 first year	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Black-legged Kittiwake	4/11	- 4/30	1 first winter	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Mobs.
Caspian Tern	4/8		1a	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4/4		1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4/20		1	Along Hwy 50, east of Las Animas	Bent	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, David Quesenberry

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Eurasian Collared-Dove	4/22		1	West of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4/22		1	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Inca Dove	4/8 - 4/20	2s		Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald, m.ob.
Eastern Phoebe	4/15		1	Van's grove, e. of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Duane Nelson
VERMILION FLYCATCHER	4/5		1m	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Joey Kellner, Mobs.
VERMILION FLYCATCHER	4/12 - 4/13	1f		Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Ric Olson, Mobs.
VERMILION FLYCATCHER	4/16		1m	Higbee Cemetery	Otero	Brandon Percival
VERMILION FLYCATCHER	4/17		1m, 1f	n.w. of Campo	Baca	Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering
WHITE-EYED VIREO	4/13 - 4/22	1		Van's grove, e. of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Gene Rutherford, Brandon Percival, m.ob.
WHITE-EYED VIREO	4/16		1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO	4/22		1a	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Red-eyed Vireo	4/20		1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Duane Nelson, Ric Olson, David Quesenberry
Gray Jay	4/11		1 rare on plains	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Andrew Spencer
Pygmy Nuthatch	4/1 - 4/16	1 rare on plains		4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
CAROLINA WREN	4/10		1s	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
CAROLINA WREN	4/12 - 4/14	1s		along Arkansas R. e. of Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER	4/22		1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Northern Parula	4/8		1f	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald
Northern Parula	4/15		1sm	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Duane Nelson
Northern Parula	4/16		1f	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival
Northern Parula	4/20		1sm	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, David Quesenberry
Northern Parula	4/22		1sm	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Northern Parula	4/22		1m	Van's grove	Bent	Larry Semo, Tony Leukering

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Northern Parula	4/22		1m	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Northern Parula	4/22		2m	Lamar Community College grove	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Black-throated Gray Warbler	4/18		1m	Van's grove, e. of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival
Black-throated Gray Warbler	4/22		1m	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Townsend's Warbler	4/22		1m	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Black-and-white Warbler	4/15 - 4/18		1f	Rds. JJ & 16, e. of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Duane Nelson
Black-and-white Warbler	4/18		1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
Black-and-white Warbler	4/21		1m, 1f	Mineral Palace Park in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Black-and-white Warbler	4/22		1m	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	4/22		1f	Lamar Community College	Powers	Stan Oswald, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
WORM-EATING WARBLER	4/22		1a	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Hooded Warbler	4/22		1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Hooded Warbler	4/22		1f	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
White-throated Sparrow	4/18		1	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
White-throated Sparrow	4/22		1	Lamar Community College	Powers	Larry Semo
McCown's Longspur	4/11		1m	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner
Northern Cardinal	4/8 - 4/22		1m, 1f	Lamar Community College grove	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald, m.ob.
Rusty Blackbird	4/11		1f	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)

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JUNE FIELD TRIPS

June 2, Saturday

Pawnee Grasslands, Crow Valley, Lower Latham (PAW)

Leader: Ira Sanders 303-278-7172

Meet leaders at 0630 in the NE corner of the north parking lot of Denver Museum of Nature and Science. This is an all day trip - will return about 6:00 p.m. Bring lunch and extra water. Car Pooling is required.

June 3, Sunday

Towhee Trail - Boulder Mountain Parks (TOW)

Leaders: Bill and Becky Eeds 303-661-9857

Meet leaders at 0800 at the South Mesa Trailhead. From State Hwy 93 turn west on Eldorado Springs Dr. Turn right at South Mesa Trailhead. Will walk about 2-3 miles on moderate trail. Half day trip.

June 9, Saturday

Doudy Draw - Boulder (DOU)

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster 303-494-6708

Meet leaders at 0800 at the north parking lot of U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories, 325 Broadway. From US 36, go west on Baseline Road to light at 27th Way. Turn left, continuing to Broadway. Cross Broadway and enter lab grounds, parking lot on right. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch.

June 10, Sunday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe 303-659-8069

Meet leaders at 0800 at the Barr Lake Nature Center in park. Easy walking. Good trip for novice birders.

Leaders know area well. Half day trip, lunch optional.

State Parks Pass required.

June 16, Saturday

Chatfield Reservoir and State Park (CHA)

Leader: Ed Holub 303-979-2194

Meet leader at 0700 at fee station inside west entrance of park. Enter park off S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1 1/2 miles south of C470. Full day trip, bring lunch.

State Parks Pass required.

June 17, Sunday

Parker Regional Park (PAR)

Leader: Dave Quesenberry 720-344-9332

Meet leader at 0700 at Parker Regional Park. From Main St. intersection in Parker, go south on Parker Rd. (CO 83) for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. Half day trip.

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JUNE FIELD TRIPS

June 16 - 17, Saturday & Sunday

Delta Area - Western Slope (DEL)

Leader: Jackie King 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at Confluence Park in Delta at US 50 and Gunnison River Drive. Will bird Escalante, Sweitzer, Hotchkiss, Crawford and Black Canyon of the Gunnison. Bring lunches for two days and extra water. Trip will finish about 2 p.m. on Sunday. Gambel's Quail, Sage Thrashers, water birds and Raptors! Must call leader if planning to go.

June 23, Saturday

Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)

Leader: Bob Righter 303-692-8529

Meet to carpool at 0615 at RTD Park-n-Ride on NE corner of N. Sheridan Blvd and West 88th, next to Police station. Or, meet leader at 0800 at Park Visitors Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance on US 36. Bring lunch and extra water.

US Parks Pass required.

June 24, Sunday

Castlewood Canyon State Park and other Douglas county locations (CAS)

Leader: J.B. Hayes 303-798-9683

Meet leader at 0700 at New Visitors Center at east entrance to the Park. From Franktown, go 5 miles south on Co 83. Turn right into Park. Half day trip, lunch optional.

States Park Pass required.

June 30, Saturday

Hack Ranch & Georgia Pass (HRG)

Leader: Carol Hack 303-777-7893

Meet to carpool at 0700 at NW corner of parking lot at Albertson's on S. Sheridan just north of US 285. Or meet leader at 0830 on US 285 across from Texaco station in Jefferson, CO. Will walk 2-3 miles on moderate trails.

Bring lunch and extra water.

Early Notice for July 7-8 trip

July 7 - 8, Saturday & Sunday

North Park to include Walden, Arapaho NWR and Colorado State Forest

Leader: Bob Spencer 303-279-4682

Meet at 0900 on Saturday at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Saturday night in Walden at the North Park Motel (970-723-4271). You must make your own reservations and make them early!! Camping is available in primitive campground one mile north of town. Bring lunch for two days. State Parks Pass required for Colorado State Forest. Must call leader if going!

Scheduled by Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662

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MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 5
Program: "Bird Photography Tour of Fair Isle and Spitsbergen"
Speaker: Matt Cox
Location: Denver Zoo

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DFO FIELD TRIPS FOR MAY 2000

May 5, Saturday (DDT)

Doudy Draw Trail, Boulder

Leader(s): Suzi & Myron Plooster.
Trip cancelled due to inclement weather.

May 6, Sunday (LON)

Longmont area

Leader(s): Chris Owens and Rich Mendez.
Observers: George Armbrust, Kathy Nelson,
Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0630-1430. **Distance:**
51 miles by car, 1/2 miles on foot. **Habitat:**
Water bodies, riparian, agricultural, prairie;
elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind N/NW, 0-10
mph; temp. 45-65 °F. **Totals:** 76 Species, 1798
Individuals.

May 11-13, Friday-Sunday (BON)

Bonny Reservoir

Leader(s): Bob Righter. **Observers:** Kathy
Bollhoefer, Laura Banko, David Gulbenkian,
Wayne McPherson, Jack Short. **Time:** 0800-
1800. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 4 miles on
foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, aquatic, grasslands.
Weather: Clear; wind S, 10-15 mph; temp. 50-
85 °F. **Totals:** 104 Species, 2456 Individuals.

May 19, Saturday (RIG)
Rigli Ranch

Leader(s): Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Frances
Campbell, George Finnell, Colleen Nunn, Jack
Reddall, Mark Reichel, Tom Reilly. **Time:**
0800-1600. **Distance:** 19 miles by car, 3 miles
on foot. **Habitat:** Farms, grasslands, riparian
woods, ponds, fields, creeks, prairie; elev.
4330'. **Weather:** cool, calm, overcast; temp.
60-70 °F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 327 Individuals.

May 20, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:**
Mary K. Stallings. **Time:** 0745-1130.
Distance: 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot.
Habitat: Riparian. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm
mph; temp. 52-70 °F. **Totals:** 49 Species, 384
Individuals.

May 20, Sunday (ROX)

Carpenter Peak, Roxborough State Park

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Laura
Banko, Debra Bogar, Carl Caldwell, Nancy
Crews, Susan Dunn, David Gulbertson, Peggy
Hankins, Jill Holden, Victor Luna, Colleen
Nunn, Carisa Short, Kim Smith, Sarah Terry,
Paul Weis, Pat Welch. **Time:** 0800-1300.
Distance: 0 miles by car, 6 miles on foot.
Habitat: Scrub oak, Douglas fir. **Weather:**
Overcast to partly cloudy; wind S, SW, 10-15
mph; temp. 55-80 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 187
Individuals.

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May 26, Saturday

(TWO)

Two Ponds NWR

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. **Observers:** Toni Rautus, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1200.

Distance: 0 miles by car, 1 miles on foot.

Habitat: wetlands, cultivated fields; elev.

5300'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind light breeze; temp. 50-70 °F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 151 Individuals.

May 27, Sunday

(SWS)

Southwest Suburban

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:**

George Armbrust, Ursula Barsch, Debra Bogar,

Doris Cruze, John Flavin, Beverlee Guild,

Peggy Hankins, Chuck Lowrie, Alberta Nelson,

Colleen Nunn, Kin Smith, Mary Stallings.

Time: 0700-1630. **Distance:** 41 miles by car, 3

1/2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Streams, lakes,

scrub oak, ponderosa pine. **Weather:** Partly

cloudy; wind SW, 10-20 mph; temp. 50-70 °F.

Totals: 60 Species, 491 Individuals.

May 26-28, Saturday-Monday

(CRE)

Crescent Lake Natl. Wildlife Refuge

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Richard

Mendez, Chris Owens. **Time:** 0800-1600.

Distance: 710 miles by car, 1/2 miles on foot.

Habitat: Prairie pothole, riparian, plains.

Weather: sunny, rainy, overcast; wind SE, N,

NE, 0-20 mph; temp. 60-74 °F. **Totals:** 127

Species, 5697 Individuals.

DFO SPRING COUNT FOR MAY 2000

May 10, Thursday

(CCR)

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Don

Beltz, Bob Brown, Tamie Bulow, Peggy

Hankins, Liz Kreider. **Time:** 0730-1530.

Distance: 16 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Habitat: Lake, riparian, meadow; elev. 5200'.

Weather: overcast to partly cloudy; wind ?, 15

mph; temp. 60-75 °F. **Totals:** 65 Species, 1288

Individuals.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

JULY FIELD TRIPS, cont'd

July 21, Saturday

Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes (FIL)

Leader: Lynn Willcockson 303-757-7000

Meet leader at 0730 to carpool from RTD Park n' Ride on east side of Union Blvd, just south of W. 6th Ave. Or meet leader at Filius Park. From I-70 going west, take Evergreen exit, then first Bergen Park exit, then right to Filius Park. Full day trip, bring lunch and water.

\$6 per vehicle for Mt. Evans portion of trip.

July 22, Sunday

Kenosha Pass - along Colorado Trail (KEN)

Leader: Mary C. Burger 303-771-3431

Meet leader at 0630 to carpool. Take Morrison exit off U.S. 285. Meet at parking lot near Fort Restaurant on Highway 8. New area for exploring. Full day, bring lunch and water.

Parking fee is \$4 in Forest Service lot (Golden Age \$2).

July 28, Saturday

Chatfield State Recreation Area (CHA)

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer 303-233-4947

Meet leader at 0730 inside west entrance to park, off S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1-1/2 miles south of C470. If birding is slow, we'll try Waterton Canyon. Half-day trip, lunch optional but bring water.

State Parks pass required.

July 29, Sunday

Hutton Lake NWR in Wyoming (HUT)

Leader: Jackie King 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at the NE corner of the north parking lot of Museum of Nature and Science. Call leader for carpooling. High clearance or 4-wheel drive vehicles recommended. Should see Snowy Egrets, Prairie Falcons, White-faced Ibis, etc. Bring lunch, water and snacks for an extra long day.

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May 12, Saturday (WAT)
Waterton Canyon

Leader(s): Bob Brown. **Observers:** Lea Ann Brown, Peter Gillette, Deborah Ostergard.
Time: 0600-1130. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mixed Riparian; elev. 5400'. **Weather:** Clear; wind W, to 10 mph; temp. 60-75 °F. **Totals:** 63 Species, 384 Individuals.

May 12, Saturday (BSP)
Barr Lake State Park

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Susan Barnhart, Warren Finch, Dick Pratt, Bob Spencer, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0630-1545.
Distance: 0 miles by car, 9.5 miles on foot.
Habitat: Plains reservoir with associated riparian and grasslands. **Weather:** clear; wind calm; temp. 53-83 °F. **Totals:** 73 Species, 1235 Individuals.

May 12, Saturday (CHA)
Chatfield State Park

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Randy Lentz, David Quesenberry, Joe Roller, Ann Southcott, Steve Stachowiak. **Time:** 0600-1800. **Distance:** 32 miles by car, 8 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, cattail marsh, field, river. **Weather:** clear am, cloudy pm; wind calm; temp. 50-82 °F. **Totals:** 91 Species, 1201 Individuals.

May 12, Saturday (LBC)
Lower Bear Creek

Leader(s): Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Gail Evans, Susan Gardner, Beverlee Guild, Diana Mullineaux, Jim Perry.
Time: 8 hrs.. **Distance:** 34 miles by car, 8 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, residential, greenbelt. **Weather:** Clear; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 52- °F. **Totals:** 61 Species, 1413 Individuals.

May 13, Sunday (BLP)
Barr Lake Periphery

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Ruth Breckon, Dave O'Reilly. **Time:** 0700-1700.
Distance: 109 miles by car, 0 miles on foot.
Habitat: Riparian, plains. **Weather:** clear and

sunny; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 65-85 °F.
Totals: 65 Species, 1759 Individuals.

May 13, Sunday (CSP)
Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Karen von Saltza.
Time: 0445-1600. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, riparian, grassland. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind S, 0-5 mph; temp. 45-75 °F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 493 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

May 1, Tuesday (VBJ)
Van Bibber Jefco open space park

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 41.
Time: 0900-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 1/2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cattails, open meadows; elev. 5400'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind calm; temp. 70-77 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 141 Individuals.

May 8, Tuesday (LOB)
Lair O'The Bear State Park

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 39.
Time: 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponderosa pine, blue spruce; elev. 6530'. **Weather:** clear; wind S, 0-8 mph; temp. 60-74 °F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 138 Individuals.

May 15, Tuesday (LWR)
Lower White Ranch

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 38.
Time: 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; elev. 6150-6600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind variable, 0-5 mph; temp. 70-80 °F. **Totals:** 24 Species, 52 Individuals.

May 22, Tuesday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 31.
Time: 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, prairie, agricultural; elev. 5100'. **Weather:**

Mostly sunny; wind N, 0-35 mph; temp. 68-77 °F. **Totals:** 42 Species, 299 Individuals.

May 29, Tuesday (EVL)
Evergreen Lake to Three Sisters Jelfo Open Space

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 23.
Time: 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, grassy meadow; elev. 7040-7800'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind light breeze; temp. 64-70 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 117 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

**ENJOY A
HUMMER/SONGBIRD/BUTTERFLY
GARDEN/YARD HABITAT!**

Tina Jones is again opening her yard for viewing from July 15 until October 1. This is a prime place to see Calliope Hummers. Tina's address is 4400 Bow Mar Drive. This is just southwest of the intersection of Quincy and S. Sheridan. From here drive west on Sunset to Bow Mar Dr., about two long blocks. Leave message for Tina if you are a party of 5 or more at 303-794-2647, otherwise just come. For dates 7/29, 7/30, & 7/31, for the evening only, yard will not be open. Park on Bow Mar (not in driveway), go to patio which is next to garage, read instructions and sign in. There are chairs in the backyard where you may sit quietly and enjoy. Male Calliopes arrive first, followed by females, and then the Calliopes[®] linger to mid Sept., along with other hummer species. Prime dates for Calliopes are third week of July- third week of Aug.

NEW MEMBERS

Mary K. Stallings
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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Educational Endowment Fund

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Rare Bird Alert

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CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 7/9-7/23/2001, and 11/19-12/3/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

"Ecuador and the Galapagos". There will be a trip to the famous islands which inspired Charles Darwin to formulate his Theory of Evolution. The trip will take place in March 2002. Birders may travel to Ecuador only, or combine their trip with the expedition to the Galapagos. The trip will be led by Norm Erthal. If interested, call Norm at 303-424-6747 or email him at normanpe@aol.com for more information.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

DIRECTIONS TO DENVER ZOO MEETING SITE

The monthly membership meetings are held in the Grasslands Room at the Denver Zoo. Enter through the main gate; there will be a small security building on your right after you pass through. Turn right after the security building and walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. The Grasslands Room is on the first floor. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns. The first set of double doors on the left is the Grasslands studio where we will be meeting.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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Upcoming Field Trips for:

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct (starts Oct 2001) – Diane Lane, delane@pcisys.net, 1910 S Grant St, Denver, CO 80210

Feb, May, Aug, Nov (Includes Spring count schedule) – Cris Cook, cris@pcisys.net, 8511 W Star Cir, Littleton, CO 80128

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec (plus Jul 2001, Includes Fall and Xmas count schedules) – Kim Sawyer, kimmer815@aol.com, 4617 S Flanders Way, Centennial, CO 80115

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE MAY 2000

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				
	6	12-13	19	20	20	26	27	26-28	1	8	15	22	29
	LON	BON	RIG	BAR	ROX	TWO	SWS	CRE	VLU	LOB	LWR	BAR	EVI
Common Loon													
Common Loon													
Pied-billed Grebe	2							1					
Carroll Grebe	29							203					
Western Grebe	49	6		13				21					
Clark's Grebe	1	1		1				10					
American White Pelican	38	60		4	1	1		129				6	
Double-crested Cormorant	11	60		12		1		44				1	
American Bittern													
Great Blue Heron	43			3		1	4	45	1			4	
Great Egret	10	1						5					
Snowy Egret	1											3	
Cattle Egret		1										2	
Green Heron		1											
Black-crowned Night Heron	2					3		10					
White-faced Ibis	29							25					
Turkey Vulture	3				8		2	16					
Ross's Goose				30									
Canada Goose	123	40	1			11	2	250				55	12
Wood Duck							6						
Cladwell	33	15		7				21					
American Wigeon	1	10						2					
Mallard	44	20	1	20		5	3	155	6	6		13	2
Blue-winged Teal	4	20					1	50					
Canvasback	18			2				10					
Northern Shoveler	14	20						28					
Northern Pintail	2			1				55					
Green-winged Teal	23	20						4					
Canvasback								3					
Hedhead	14	5		6				135					
Ring-necked Duck	1												
Lesser Scaup	12	2		2				18					
Bufflehead	14							2					
Common Merganser	4												
Ruddy Duck	4	15		9				185					
Osprey	2	1			1			1					
Hald Eagle		1		2									
Northern Harrier			4					5				1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1			1			1		
Cooper's Hawk					1	1	1	1	1				
Accipiter sp.													
Broad-winged Hawk					1								
Swainson's Hawk	5	6	6	2		2	1	12				3	
Red-tailed Hawk	11	2	2	1	2		5	15	2	2	1	2	
Western Osprey							5						
Ferruginous Hawk								4					
Golden Eagle			1		2			1			2		
American Kestrel	6	2	6	1		2	3	11	4		1		
Prairie Falcon	2							1					
Osprey sp.												1	
Ring-necked Pheasant	4	4	2	1		1		25					
Sharp-tailed Grouse								1					
Wild Turkey		10						3					
Wigeon Rail													
Sora												1	4
American Coot	20	15		9			1	55					
Black-bellied Plover								1					
Snowy Plover		1											
Semipalmated Plover		1											
Killdeer	17	10	6	3			2	63				2	
Black-necked Stilt								5					
American Avocet	2	4						50					
Greater Yellowlegs	1	1						1					
Lesser Yellowlegs		4						1					
Solitary Sandpiper								1					
Willet	2	1						26					
Spotted Sandpiper	1	20	1				2			1			
Upland Sandpiper								13					
Long-billed Curlew	7							8					
Sanderling		4											

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	6 LON	12-13 BON	19 RG	29 BAR	29 ROX	26 TWO	27 SWS	26-28 CRE	1 VBJ	8 LOB	15 LWR	22 RAR	29 EVL
Semipalmated Sandpiper		1											
Western Sandpiper								95					
Least Sandpiper								32					
White-rumped Sandpiper								1					
Baird's Sandpiper		10						42					
Stilt Sandpiper		15						10					
Long-billed Dowitcher		15						21					
Common Snipe													
Wilson's Phalarope	179	30						205					
Franklin's Gull	25	4											
Ring-billed Gull	1	6						30				7	
California Gull	1	2						2					
Black-legged Kittiwake													
gull sp.												2	
Forster's Tern	8	3						17					
Black Tern		30						50					
Rock Dove	55	4			17	5	2	34					
Mourning Dove	34	100	8	8		5	6	235	8			7	
Great Horned Owl		6	2			1		2	1				
Burrowing Owl			5					2					
Common Nighthawk		1					1	17					
Common Poorwill													
Chimney Swift		2						6					
White-throated Swift					12								
Broad-tailed Hummingbird					8		4			8			2
Red-tailed Kingfisher	2						1	2		1			
Lewis's Woodpecker							1						
Red-headed Woodpecker		4						7					
Downy Woodpecker	2	2		1			1			1	1		
"Rocky Mountain" race							(1)						
"eastern" race													
Hairy Woodpecker								1			1		
Northern Flicker	3	6		1	6	3	6	16	8	2		2	2
"Yellow-shafted" race								(3)					
"Red-shafted" race					(6)		(6)	(13)					
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1						1					1
Western Wood Pewee			6	2	1	1	3	5				1	
Willow Flycatcher					1								
Least Flycatcher		4						20					
Hammond's Flycatcher													
Cordilleran Flycatcher					2							2	
empidonax sp.					3		1						
Say's Phoebe		1											
Western Kingbird		200	10	16			7	163			2	10	
Eastern Kingbird		100	4	7			4	69				2	
Loggerhead Shrike		8	4					6					
Plumbeous Vireo							1			1			
Warbling Vireo		20	1					3		1			
Red-eyed Vireo													
Steller's Jay										10	1		
Blue Jay	2	10		2		6	5	6	2				
Western Scrub Jay					9		1			1			
Black-billed Magpie	7	6	1	7	4	13	5	3	10		2	2	
American Crow	4	15			3	3	1	8		1	1		1
Common Raven					7						2		
Horned Lark		4	20				2	78					
Tree Swallow	8			7				27					23
Violet-green Swallow	50				26		3			18	10		20
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	11	10					1	4					

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	6 LON	12-13 BON	19 RIG	20 BAR	20 ROX	26 TWO	27 SWS	26-28 CRE	1 VBJ	8 LOB	15 LWR	22 BAR	29 EVL
Bank Swallow								45					
Cliff Swallow	12	50				22	274	575				2	
Barn Swallow	20	20	8	4		6	1	70		2		9	3
Black-capped Chickadee	3	8		3	2	1	1	4	4	12		3	2
Mountain Chickadee										2			2
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1	1									1	
White-breasted Nuthatch							2						
Pygmy Nuthatch										1			
Brown Creeper		1											
Rock Wren													
Canyon Wren										1			
House Wren		200	1	12			11	15		7	1	4	
Marsh Wren	th							45					
American Dipper										13			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										2			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					7		4						
Eastern Bluebird		4						1					
Western Bluebird													
Mountain Bluebird							3						6
Swinson's Thrush		4	20	1				19					
Hermit Thrush			1										
American Robin	20	30	10	18	4	6	7	125	3	15	1	9	
Gray Catbird		4	1				3	5					
Northern Mockingbird			1					1					
Brown Thrasher		1	1					10					
European Starling	11	20	20	50		9	7	150	20			10	
Cedar Waxwing		300						35					
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	1						3					
Virginia's Warbler					1								
Northern Parula													
Yellow Warbler		40	4	6	2		9	24		1	1	7	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	23	2	4	1	3			2	17	1	1	2	
"Myrtle" race	(15)												
"Audubon's" race	(17)	(1)	(4)	(1)					(17)	(1)			
Black-throated Gray Warbler													
Black-and-white Warbler					1								
American Redstart		1						2					
Ovenbird					3								
Northern Waterthrush		1						4					
MacGillivray's Warbler			1										
Common Yellowthroat		20		1	1	1	2	31				5	
Wilson's Warbler		1						1				1	
Yellow-breasted Chat		2				5	2	5			1		
Western Tanager					4							1	
Green-tailed Towhee					3								
Spotted Towhee		1			15		3	3		3	5		
Chipping Sparrow	9	50	2	1	1		2						4
Clay-colored Sparrow		10											
Brewer's Sparrow													
Vesper Sparrow	2		7				1	3					
Lark Sparrow		60	8				1	95			1		
Lark Bunting		10	25					113					
Savannah Sparrow	1												
Grasshopper Sparrow			2					6					
Song Sparrow	7			3		3	5	3	2	5	1	6	4
Lincoln's Sparrow													
White-throated Sparrow													
White-crowned Sparrow	12	1	1										
"Gambel's" race			(1)										
Dark-eyed Junco										1			2

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	LON	BON	RIG	BAR	ROX	TWO	SWS	CRE	VBJ	LOB	LWR	BAR	EVL
"Pink-sided" race													
Northern Cardinal								1					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			1										
Black-headed Grosbeak					9		2			1			
Blue Grosbeak								1					
Least Bunting			1		1						4		
Indigo Bunting			1										
Bobolink								3					
Red-winged Blackbird	200	200	6	20		13	11	475	30			60	25
Western Meadowlark	17	60	12	2	2	1	9	185	12		4	6	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	330							300				1	
Brewer's Blackbird	14							5				12	
Common Grackle	51	200	25	45		11	5	175	8			9	
Great-tailed Grackle		1						11					
Brown-headed Cowbird	25	40	7	5	2	2	3	13		2	1	3	
Orchard Oriole		20	3	2				13					
Baltimore Oriole		10						2					
Bullock's Oriole		4	10	15	1	2	9	16			6	10	
House Finch	2	10		1	1	5	9	6	2	14			1
Pine Siskin		2						10					1
Lesser Goldfinch							2						
"Green-backed" race							(2)						
"Black-backed" race													
American Goldfinch	3	40	2	2	8		11	25		2		1	
House Sparrow	21	10	50	12		5	3	75					
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1798	2456	327	384	187	151	491	5697	141	138	52	299	117
TOTAL SPECIES	76	104	50	49	40	31	60	127	19	31	24	42	19
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, + =also in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated								a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, bold face=rare/unusual, + =also in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated				

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT							TOTAL
	10 CCR	12 WAT	12 BSP	12 CHA	12 LRC	13 BLP	13 CSP	
Common Loon	1							1
Common Loon					1			1
Pied-billed Grebe			1		1	2		7
Eared Grebe				20		5		257
Western Grebe	220		9	22	10	9		359
Clark's Grebe				1		1		15
American White Pelican	25		5		3	7		275
Double-crested Cormorant	30	9	150	14	99	8		429
American Bittern			1					1
Great Blue Heron	6	5	35	15	32	9	4	211
Great Egret								16
Snowy Egret			2		1			7
Cattle Egret								3
Green Heron								1
Black-crowned Night Heron	3		2	1				21
White-faced Ibis	20			10	9			93
Turkey Vulture			1	3	2		20	75
Ross's Goose								30
Canada Goose	25	16	68	12	50	28	2	697
Wood Duck		2		1				9
Gadwall			70	1	24	3		174
American Wigeon			2			4		19
Mallard	40	20	56	10	57	50	5	518
Blue-winged Teal	4		4		2	11		126
Cinnamon Teal		2	4	2		10		48
Northern Shoveler					1	2		65
Northern Pintail		1				2		61
Green-winged Teal					2	6		55
Canvasback								3
Redhead		2	2			17		181
Ring-necked Duck		4		1				6
Lesser Scaup			4			3		41
Bufflehead					4			20
Common Merganser		2		5				11
Ruddy Duck			28					241
Osprey				1				6
Bald Eagle			2			1		6
Northern Harrier			4			1		15
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1				4
Cooper's Hawk							1	7
Accipiter sp.				1				1
Broad-winged Hawk								1
Swainson's Hawk	1		5	1	9	8	1	68
Red-tailed Hawk	4	2	3	2	6	2	5	74
western race			(3)				(5)	(18)
Ferruginous Hawk								4
Golden Eagle		1						7
American Kestrel	1	1		2	2	8	2	54
Prairie Falcon						1		4
Falcon sp.								1
Ring-necked Pheasant	3		2			5	4	45
Sharp-tailed Grouse								1
Wild Turkey								13
Virginia Rail	2	1	1	3				7
Sora	2					1		8
American Coot			25	5	1			132
Black-bellied Plover								1
Snowy Plover								1
Semipalmated Plover								1
Killdeer	7	3	6	2	9	15		145
Black-necked Stilt								5
American Avocet						7		63
Greater Yellowlegs								2
Lesser Yellowlegs								5
Solitary Sandpiper								1
Willet								29
Spotted Sandpiper	5	1	8	9	9			67
Upland Sandpiper								13
Long-billed Curlew								15
Sanderling								4

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	10	12	12	12	12	13	13	
	CCR	WAT	BSP	CHA	LBC	BLP	CSP	
Semipalmated Sandpiper								1
Western Sandpiper								95
Least Sandpiper								32
White-rumped Sandpiper								1
Baird's Sandpiper								52
Stilt Sandpiper								25
Long-billed Dowitcher	3							39
Common Snipe	2							2
Wilson's Phalarope	1			1				416
Franklin's Gull				1				30
Ring-billed Gull	30		17	7	27	200		325
California Gull	15	5		3	4			32
Black-legged Kittiwake				1				1
gull sp.								2
Foster's Tern			2					30
Black Tern								80
Rock Dove	3	10	8		29	40	4	215
Mourning Dove	15	9	60	22	24	150	22	735
Great Horned Owl	1			2	4		28	19
Burrowing Owl						6		13
Common Nighthawk								19
Common Poorwill						10	4	4
Chimney Swift								8
White-throated Swift							8	28
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	3	3		18	1		7	61
Belted Kingfisher	1	4	1	5	4	1	2	26
Lewis's Woodpecker								1
Red-headed Woodpecker								11
Downy Woodpecker	6	5	1	9	6			35
"Rocky Mountain" race								(1)
"eastern" race			(1)					(1)
Hairy Woodpecker								2
Northern Flicker	10	6	7	9	39	4	5	140
"Yellow-shafted" race								(3)
"Red-shafted" race		(6)	(7)	(9)	(39)	(4)	(5)	(100)
Olive-sided Flycatcher								3
Western Wood Pewee		1		2			1	24
Willow Flycatcher								1
Least Flycatcher		1		1				26
Hammond's Flycatcher							1	2
Condellian Flycatcher				1				5
empidonax sp.				2				6
Say's Phoebe								1
Western Kingbird	9	2	30	5	2	105		561
Eastern Kingbird		1	6	6	1	3		203
Loggerhead Shrike						2		20
Plumbeous Vireo			2	2			4	14
Warbling Vireo		2	1	3				31
Red-eyed Vireo				1		1	1	4
Steller's Jay							6	23
Blue Jay	4	11	2	5	7	3	2	68
Western Scrub-Jay				1			6	24
Black-billed Magpie	15	5	16	23	60	41	14	248
American Crow	6	1		4	11	1	4	68
Common Raven		1		3			4	21
Horned Lark				2		95		201
Tree Swallow		6	6	5			16	114
Violet-green Swallow				1			62	252
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	20		2	37			6	97

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	10 CCR	12 WAT	12 OSP	12 CHA	12 LBC	13 BLP	13 CSP	
Bank Swallow				60				105
Cliff Swallow	100	1	4	200	11	80	15	1361
Barn Swallow	75	1	15	2	5	4		254
Black-capped Chickadee	15	8	4	14	27	1	9	130
Mountain Chickadee					1		4	13
Red-breasted Nuthatch			2		5		1	12
White-breasted Nuthatch		1		4			5	17
Pygmy Nuthatch								1
Brown Creeper								1
Rock Wren				1			4	9
Canyon Wren							5	11
House Wren	2	40	35	175	36	4	27	597
Marsh Wren						3		48
American Dipper		2						15
Stubby-crowned Kinglet		2						4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1			13			9	43
Eastern Bluebird								5
Western Bluebird							6	12
Mountain Bluebird							11	31
Swainson's Thrush			2					46
Henshaw Thrush			1					2
American Robin	40	8	42	27	90	30	18	527
Gray Catbird		15	2	8				36
Northern Mockingbird								2
Brown Thrasher			1					13
European Starling	35	12	70	12	78	75	17	621
Cedar Waxwing								335
Orange-crowned Warbler				1				6
Virginia's Warbler							4	9
Northern Parula				1				1
Yellow Warbler	8	30	13	80	38		7	277
Yellow-rumped Warbler	45	8	17	6	3			135
"Myrtle" race	(10)		(1)		(1)			(26)
"Audubon's" race	(35)		(13)		(1)			(90)
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1							1
Black and white Warbler							1	3
American Redstart				3				6
Ovenbird							1	5
Northern Waterthrush			1					6
MacGillivray's Warbler								1
Common Yellowthroat	6		5	4		1		77
Wilson's Warbler			1					4
Yellow-breasted Chat		12		25			1	49
Western Tanager	1	4		6	8		2	28
Green-tailed Towhee	1							4
Spotted Towhee	1	6		13	6		29	114
Chipping Sparrow	25	1	15	4	12	2	8	144
Clay-colored Sparrow			2					12
Brewer's Sparrow	1							1
Vesper Sparrow		2		2			15	47
Lark Sparrow				3		7	3	181
Lark Bunting						68		216
Savannah Sparrow	2							3
Grasshopper Sparrow								8
Song Sparrow	15	4	11	13	13	4	6	111
Lincoln's Sparrow			1	1				2
White-throated Sparrow		1						1
White-crowned Sparrow	1		2					17
"Gambel's" race								(1)
Dark-eyed Junco							1	5

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	10	12	12	12	12	13	13	TOTAL
DATE	CCR	WAT	BSP	CHA	LBC	BLP	CSP	
LOCATION								
"Pink-sided" race							(1)	(1)
Northern Cardinal								1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				1	1			3
Black-headed Grosbeak		1		2			11	37
Blue Grosbeak		1						2
Lazuli Bunting		2		5			8	29
Indigo Bunting								1
Bobolink	1						5	14
Red-winged Blackbird	15	12	125	35	134	200	7	1575
Western Meadowlark	35	5	8	35	6	/100	6	511
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2		32		4	35		704
Brewer's Blackbird	45	6	1	2	4	9	4	106
Common Grackle	125	8	100	13	135	80		990
Great-tailed Grackle			2			36		50
Brown-headed Cowbird	55	20	18	50	27	4	15	307
Orchard Oriole								38
Baltimore Oriole								12
Bullock's Oriole	12	9	16	17	11	5		143
House Finch	25	12		1	75	7		171
Pine Siskin				2				15
Lesser Goldfinch				3				5
"Green-backed" race				(3)				(3)
"Black-backed" race								(2)
American Goldfinch	25	5	6	27	11	7	13	201
House Sparrow	30		19	3	119	120		467
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1288	384	1236	1201	1413	1759	497	20,508
TOTAL SPECIES	65	63	73	91	61	65	61	199
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=mate, f=female, b=heard only, r=rare, u=unusual, + =also in addition to, e=not enumerated							

MAY 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units		SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS		199	20,508	20	272	137.5	1078	70.5
DFO FIELD TRIPS		175	11,491	8	59	58.5	861.0	21.5
SPRING BIRD COUNT		153	8,270	7	36	63.5	213.0	37.0
TUESDAY BIRDERS		76	747	5	177	15.5	4.0	12.0
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 165 - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 9 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 1								
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)								
Black-legged Kittiwake								

May 2001 Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Least Bittern	5/2		1	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Mobs.
Little Blue Heron	4/22		1a	Water treatment pond 1/4 mile south of Waterton.	Douglas	Robert Righter
Mississippi Kite	5/17		2	Fowler	Otero	Karleen Schofield, Marlene Andrews
Mississippi Kite	5/17		2	Rocky Ford	Otero	Karleen Schofield, Marlene Andrews
Broad-winged Hawk	5/6		1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Black Rail	Many seen throughout southeastern Colorado during May					
Piping Plover	5/13		1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Robert Righter
Piping Plover	5/18		1	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Karleen Schofield
Whimbrel	5/6		2	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Whimbrel	5/26		1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Brandon Percival
Ruddy Turnstone	5/20		1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Nathan Pieplow, Andrew Spencer
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/26		700++ !!!!	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Norm Erthal, Joe Roller
Black-legged Kittiwake	4/11	5/18	1-1st winter	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Mobs.
Least Tern	5/18		1	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Karleen Schofield
Caspian Tern	5/11	5/12	1	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Mobs.
White-winged Dove	5/7	5/18	2	Van Truan's yard in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Mobs.
Inca Dove	5/18		2	Rocky Ford	Otero	Karleen Schofield
Black-chinned Hummingbird	5/20		1m,3f	garden center feeders, east of Rye	Pueblo	Karleen Schofield
COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD	5/17	5/18	1m	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Steve Dinsmore, Andrew Spencer, Mobs.
Alder Flycatcher	5/27		1s	Last Chance Rest Area	Washington	Brandon Percival
Least Flycatcher	5/27		1calling	Forest Service Road 514	Dolores	Nathan Pieplow, Andrew Spencer
Vermilion Flycatcher	5/18		1m,1f	Higbee Cemetery	Otero	Karleen Schofield
Great Crested Flycatcher	5/6		1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Great Crested Flycatcher	5/13		1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
Gray Vireo	5/8		1s	Willow Creek Park in Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Blue-headed Vireo	5/28		1	Lake Holbrook	Crowley	Nathan Pieplow, Andrew Spencer
Cassin's Vireo	5/19		2	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso / Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Yellow-throated Vireo	5/7		1	Willow Creek Park in	Prowers	Brandon Percival

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				Lamar		
Yellow-throated Vireo	5/9		1	Flagler Res. SWA	Kit Carson	Hugh Kingery
Yellow-throated Vireo	5/11	5/12	1s	Lamar Cemetery	Powers	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Philadelphia Vireo	5/2		1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Andrew Spencer
Philadelphia Vireo	5/11		1	Last Chance Rest Area	Washington	Robert Righter
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5/20	5/31	2a, 5 young A rare plains nesting record	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Veery	5/8		1	Willow Creek Park in Lamar	Powers	Brandon Percival
Veery	5/11		1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Veery	5/12		2	Lake Hasty Campground	Bent	Andrew Spencer
Veery	5/15	5/25	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Bob Brown, Mobs.
Veery	5/19		2	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso / Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Veery	5/27		2+	Last Chance Rest Area	Washington	Brandon Percival
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/4	5/6	1	Lamar High School	Powers	Gene Rutherford, Mobs.
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/5	5/8	1	Lamar Community College	Powers	Tony Leukering, Mobs.
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/7		3	Lake Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival
Blue-winged Warbler	5/11		1m	Lamar Community College	Powers	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Golden-winged Warbler	5/19		1m	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso / Pueblo	Karleen Schofield, Brandon Percival
Tennessee Warbler	5/6		1m	Willow Creek Park in Lamar	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Tennessee Warbler	5/7		1m	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Tennessee Warbler	5/12	5/18	1m	Lamar Cemetery	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Tennessee Warbler	5/12		1f	Lake Holbrook	Crowley	Andrew Spencer
Tennessee Warbler	5/18		1f	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival
Tennessee Warbler	5/19		1f	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso / Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Tennessee Warbler	5/24		1f	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Bob Brown
Nashville Warbler	5/5		1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Ric Olson, Mobs.
Nashville Warbler	5/5	5/6	1	Lake Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Nashville Warbler	5/11		1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Northern Parula	Many seen throughout eastern Colorado during May					
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Many seen throughout eastern Colorado during May					
Magnolia Warbler	5/11		1s	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival

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Magnolia Warbler	5/19	- 5/20	1m, 1f	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso / Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Magnolia Warbler	5/15		1s	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Andrew Spencer
Magnolia Warbler	5/18		1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Andrew Spencer, Mobs.
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5/18		1m	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Steve Dinsmore, Andrew Spencer, Mobs.
Black-throated Gray Warbler	5/10		1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Black-throated Gray Warbler	5/6		2	Lake Henry	Crowley	Ric Olson, Joey Kellner, Mobs.
Black-throated Green Warbler	5/5		1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Ric Olson, Mobs.
Townsend's Warbler	5/4		1m	Willow Creek Park in Lamar	Powers	Brandon Percival
Townsend's Warbler	5/6	- 5/8	1m	Lake Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival
Hermit Warbler	5/6		1s	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Yellow-throated Warbler	5/11	- 5/12	1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Mobs.
Prairie Warbler	5/6	- 5/7	1f	Lake Holbrook	Crowley	Andrew Spencer, Mobs.
Prairie Warbler	5/29		1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery
Palm Warbler	5/5	- 5/6	1	Lake Holbrook	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Palm Warbler	5/19		1 western	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso / Pueblo	Karleen Schofield, Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Bay-breasted Warbler	5/16		1m	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Bob Brown
Blackpoll Warbler	Many seen throughout eastern Colorado during May					
Black-and-White Warbler	Many seen throughout eastern Colorado during May					
Prothonotary Warbler	5/2		1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Andrew Spencer
Prothonotary Warbler	5/6	- 5/7	1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	J.B. Hayes, Mobs.
Worm-eating Warbler	5/8		1	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival
Worm-eating Warbler	5/11		1s	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Worm-eating Warbler	5/18		1	Road JJ & 16	Bent	Brandon Percival
Ovenbird	Many seen throughout eastern Colorado during May					
Northern Waterthrush	Many seen throughout eastern Colorado during May					
Kentucky Warbler	5/11		1m	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Mourning Warbler	5/19	- 5/20	1m	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso / Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Hooded Warbler	5/4	- 5/7	1f	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Hooded Warbler	5/4		1m	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Mark Janos, Mobs.
Hooded Warbler	5/18		1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Steve Dinsmore, Andrew Spencer,

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						Mobs.
Summer Tanager	5/4 -	5/6	1molting	Lamar Cemetery	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Summer Tanager	5/5 -	5/7	1molting	Lake Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mobs.
Summer Tanager	5/5		1molting	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Summer Tanager	5/9		1	Willow Creek Park in Lamar	Powers	Brandon Percival
Summer Tanager	5/17		1	Rock Canyon Pueblo State Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Eastern Towhee	5/20		1calling	Tamarack Ranch	Logan	Andrew Spencer
Field Sparrow	5/12		1	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
White-throated Sparrow	5/5		1s	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Harris's Sparrow	11/20 -	5/10	1-3	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Northern Cardinal	Many seen throughout southeastern Colorado during May					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Many seen throughout eastern Colorado during May					
Bobolink	5/15		1s	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Bobolink	5/16		6	Franktown	Douglas	Ulling Kingery & Dennis Downing
Red Crossbill	5/11 -	5/12	1s	Lamar Cemetery	Powers	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Mobs.
Evening Grosbeak	5/4		1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, Mobs.

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)

Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next months Lark Bunting.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

JULY FIELD TRIPS

July 1, Sunday

Genesee Mountain Park (GEN)

Leader: Diana Mullineaux 303-278-7245

Meet leader at 0700 at RTD Park-N-Ride on east side of Union Blvd, just south of W. 6th Ave. Good trip for novice birders. Should see families of mountain birds. Half day trip.

July 7 - 8, Saturday & Sunday

North Park to include Walden, Arapaho NWR and Colorado State Forest (NOR)

Leader: Bob Spencer 303-279-4682

Meet leader at 0900 on Saturday at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Saturday night in Walden at the North Park Motel (970-723-4271). You must make your own reservations and make them early!! Camping is available in primitive campground one mile north of town. Bring lunch for two days. State Parks Pass required for Colorado State Forest. Must call leader if going!

July 7, Saturday

Gregory Canyon - Boulder Area (GRE)

Leader: Gregg Goodrich 303-655-9135

Meet leader at 07:30 at north parking lot of U.S. Dept of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories (325 Broadway). From U.S. 36 go west on Baseline Rd to light at 27th Way, turn left, continuing to Broadway. Cross Broadway and enter lab grounds. Parking lot on right. Half day trip.

July 8, Sunday

Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch Park (DEE)

Leader: J.B. Hayes 303-798-9683

Meet leader at 0700 at S. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Rd. (First light south of C470 on S. Wadsworth). Should tally over 50 species! Bring lunch and water. Trip will end mid-afternoon.

July 14, Saturday

Pine Valley Ranch Park (PIN)

Leader: Jeff Herzog 303-674-4972

Meet leader at 0800 at main parking lot of park. From U.S. 285 at Pine Junction, turn southeast onto Pine Valley Rd. (County Road 126). Continue 5.8 miles toward the town of Pine then follow the signs to the park. Bring lunch and water.

July 15, Sunday

Upper White Ranch Park (WHI)

Leader: Randy Lentz 303-680-3381

Meet leader at 0730 to carpool from Park n' Ride at I-70 and Ward Rd. West side of Ward Rd just north of I-70. Bring lunch and water.



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DFO Field Trips for August 2001

August 4, Saturday

Roxborough State Park

ROX

Leader: Ben Moore, 303-831-1730

Meet the leader at 0730 at the Park-n-Ride at Hwy 285 and Wadsworth Blvd in order to carpool to the park. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required for vehicles entering the park.

August 5, Sunday

Golden Gate Canyon Road and State Park

GGC

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

Meet at 0630 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of West 4th Avenue and Union Blvd, south of West Sixth Avenue. This trip is good for nesting birds of the foothills and mountains. Bring lunch and extra water. Trip will end between 2 and 3 pm. Trip will involve two to three miles of walking on narrow dirt trails up to 9400 feet. Red-naped Sapsucker, Dusky Flycatcher, and Virginia's Warbler are possibilities. State Parks Pass required.

August 11, Saturday

Boulder Mountain Parks

BLD

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster, 303-494-6708

Meet leaders at 0800 at the north parking lot of U.S. Dept of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories, 325 Broadway. From U.S. 36, go west on Baseline Road to light at 27th Way. Turn left, continuing to Broadway. Cross Broadway and enter Lab grounds. Parking lot on right. Bring lunch and water. Trip will end shortly after lunch. Will be hiking short distances on gentle slopes. We might see Virginia's Warbler, vireos and other mountain birds.

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August Field Trips, continued

August 12, Sunday

Ash Hollow State Park, NE **ASH**

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Bring lunch and come prepared for a long, adventurous day. Ash Hollow State Park is a lush grove of trees located on the western end of Lake McCaughy. Brown Thrashers are common, cardinals and mockingbirds are often there. Call leader if you want to go. It is a four hour drive one way.

August 18, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park **BAR**

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069

Meet leaders at the Nature Center at Barr Lake State Park at 0800 for a half day trip. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members. State Parks Pass required. Bring drinking water.

August 19, Sunday

Chatfield State Park **CHA**

Leaders: Lea Ann & Robert Brown, 303-791-

6204. Meet at 0730 at the swim beach. From C470 take Wadsworth Blvd south 1.5 miles to entrance. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

August 25, Saturday

Longmont Area **LON**

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 0700 at the Safeway on the southeast corner of 17th and Pace. From I-25 take exit 240. Go west 4 miles on CO 119 to Boulder/Weld County Line road, then two miles north to Jim Hamm Park on left (Hygiene Road or 17th Ave.) From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway. Bring lunch, sunscreen and extra drinking water. Trip will go to mid or late afternoon.

This trip especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 26, Sunday

Stapleton Braille Trail **SBT**

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072

Meet leader at 0730 at the Park-n-Ride at Hwy 285 and Wadsworth Blvd. Will hike on an interesting trail originally designed for the blind.

This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members. Half day trip, lunch optional but there is a beautiful, shady spot for eating lunch while watching the birds. Hopefully, will see hummingbirds, wild turkeys and other foothills species.

Scheduled by Jackie King



The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Boulevard., Denver, CO 80205. The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does **not** accept advertising.

Classes, Trips and Viewing Opportunities

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica"

The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 7/9-7/23/2001, and 11/19-12/3/2001.

Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants.

For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or call Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

"Galapagos" There are still four spaces available to visit the famous islands that inspired Charles Darwin to formulate his Theory of Evolution.

The trip will take place March 2002, and will be led by Norm Erthal.

If interested call Norm at 303-424-6747 or email him at normananpe@aol.com for more information.



A croft on Scotland's Fair Isle. Famous for birds, knitwear and historic shipwrecks, Fair Isle is a tiny jewel of an island lying half-way between Orkney and Shetland

Our next feature meeting, Wednesday September 5, "Bird Photography Tour of Fair Isle & Sptisbergen" presented by Matt Cox, will be at the Denver Zoo.

For more information about Fair Isle, visit their web site at www.fairisle.org.uk

Call the Rare Bird Alert number 303.424.2144 for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

A Chance to View a Hummingbird/Songbird/Butterfly Garden

Tina Jones has opened her yard for viewing from August 1st through October 1st. Her address is 4400 Bow Mar Drive, just two blocks southwest of Quincy and South Sheridan. Leave a message for Tina if you intend to visit, at 303-794-2647.



Just come; there is no need for Tina to get back to you. Her yard historically is one of the best areas on the Front Range to see Calliope hummers.

The males arrive about the third week in July, followed by the females and immatures of both sexes, stopping in the yard through about 9/10, although each summer can be different. Last summer there were 6-8 Calliopes a day at times.

Early mornings and evenings are best. Sorry there have not been any Costa's.

Park on Bow Mar Dr. (not in driveway), go to patio next to garage, sign in, and read the instructions. There are chairs in the backyard where you may sit quietly.

Tina's yard has been written up in two books as a wonderful example of a wildlife habitat.

Field Trip Editors

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct (starts Oct 2001)

Diane Lane, delane@pcisys.net, 1910 S Grant St, Denver, CO 80210

- Sent to Diane by Patty Echelmeyer

Feb, May, Aug, Nov

Cris Cook, cris@pcisys.net, 8511 W Star Cir, Littleton, CO 80128

- Sent to Cris by Jackie King

Reminder

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, even taking into account that it is sent via third class mail, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip schedule at www.geocities.com/dfobirders.

Deadlines for Submittals to the Editors

First day of the month for all submissions.
E-mail only please.

Additional Reports:

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Field Trip/Count Reports

Andrew Spencer

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Upcoming Field Trips for: Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct (starts Oct 2001)

Diane Lane, delane@pcisys.net, 1910 S Grant St, Denver, CO 80210

Upcoming Field Trips for Feb, May, Aug, Nov (Includes Spring count schedule)

Cris Cook, cris@pcisys.net, 8511 W Star Cir, Littleton, CO 80128

Upcoming Field Trips for Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec (plus Jul 2001, Includes Fall and Xmas count schedules)

Kim Sawyer, kimmer815@aol.com, 4617 S Flanders Way, Centennial, CO 80115

All submittals are due to the compiling editor, Veronica Holt, by the 4th of every month.

We encourage you to send us (by email) any photos, articles, and information that would be of interest to our membership: veronicaholt@att.net.

Directions to the Denver Zoo and our Meetings

Monthly membership meetings are held on the first Wednesday, September through May, except for December, at 7:30pm in the Grasslands Room at the Denver Zoo. Enter through the main gate; there will be a small security building on your right after you pass through. Turn right after the security building and walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. The Grasslands Room is on the first floor. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns. The first set of double doors on the left is the Grasslands studio where we meet.

Welcome New Member

Kim Smith

6570 E Mississippi Ave #4
Denver, CO 80224
303-504-9305

Kim, we are looking forward to meeting you, and hope to see you on a field trip soon.

Contributions

Educational Endowment Fund:

None this month

Rare Bird Alert:

None this month

Our sincere appreciation to all those who donate to the Rare Bird Alert and Educational Endowment Fund.

Your generosity keeps these valuable programs alive and well!

DFO Field Trip Summaries for June 2001

June 2, Saturday (xxx)

Pawnee National Grasslands

Leader(s): Ira Sanders and Tammy Ellsworth.
Observers: Chris Cook, Betty Ellsworth, John Flavin, Ivan Getting, Beverlee Guild, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Paul Langendorfer, Charles Lawrence, Nancy Leo, Kathy Nelson, Rich Stevens. **Time:** 0645 to 1930. **Distance:** 155 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, riparian, cultivated fields, potholed, reservoir; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind SSW, 8-12 mph; temp. 50-89 °F.
Totals: 75 Species, 1668 Individuals.

June 3, Sunday TOW

Towhee Trail - Boulder

Leader(s): Bill and Becky Eeds.
Observers: George Armbrust, Ivan Getting, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Calaine Ohmert, Kim Smith. **Time:** 0745 to 1145. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.7 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills; elev. 5666'. **Weather:** Foggy, overcast; wind calm; temp. 55 °F.
Totals: 36 Species, 211 Individuals.

June 9, Saturday DOU

Doudy Draw, Boulder area

Leader(s): Suzi and Myron Plooster.
Observers: George Armbrust, Barb Beall, Dave Brown, John Flavin, Charlie Lawrence, Hope Leighton, Chuck Lowrie, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Toni Rautus, Sue Schulman, Mary Stallings, Bill Turner. **Time:** 0815 to 1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills scrub and riparian; elev. 5600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind variable, 0-3 mph; temp. 80-85 °F.
Totals: 26 Species, 151 Individuals.

June 10, Sunday BAR

Barr Lake

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe.
Observers: Don Brachear, Barbara Browne, Peggy Fitzgerald, Chuck Lowrie, Kim Sawyer. **Time:** 0800 to 1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Sunny, clear; wind 5, light; temp. 70-90 °F.
Totals: 39 Species, 284 Individuals.

Chatfield Reservoir and State Park

Leader(s): Ed Holub.

Observers: George Armbrust, Carol Blackard, Warren Finch, Beverlee Guild, Jay Packer, Jack Reddall. **Time:** 0700 to 1520. **Distance:** 29 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** River riparian, ponds and lakes, prairie; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind calm; temp. 50-86 °F.
Totals: 64 Species, 512 Individuals.

June 17, Sunday PAR

Parker Regional park

Leader(s): Dave Quesenberry.
Observers: Carol Blackard, Andrew Spencer. **Time:** 0700 to 0910. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, open fields, ponds, marsh; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind calm; temp. 65-85 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 122 Individuals.

June 16-17, Saturday/Sunday DEL

Delta Area - Western Slope

Leader(s): Jackie King.
Observers: Mike Foster, Ellen Swanson. **Time:** 0700 to 1830; 0730 to 1700. **Distance:** 523 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Canyonlands, riparian; elev. 4000-8000'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind E, 5 mph; temp. 60-96 °F.
Totals: 85 Species, 1428 Individuals.

June 23, Saturday ROC

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader(s): Bob Righter.
Observers: Dick Addison, George Armbrust, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Warren Finch, Chuck Lowrie, Jay Packer, Jim Perry, Bill Payne, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Mort Staatz, Jack Short. **Time:** 0800 to 1600. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Tundra, montane; elev. 6500-12,000'. **Weather:** Clear-cloudy; wind not noted, 0-15 mph; temp. 60-75 °F.
Totals: 40 Species, 141 Individuals.

June Field Trip Summaries, continued

June 24, Sunday

CAS

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader(s): JB Hayes.

Observers: Carol & Scott Blackard, Joan & Marty Blumberg, John Flavin, Beverlee Guild, Loch Kilpatrick, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0700 to 1200. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills scrub, fir and pine forest, meadows, willow riparian; elev. 5900'. **Weather:** Clear, sunny; wind calm; temp. 58-86 °F.

Totals: 47 Species, 340 Individuals.

June 30, Saturday

HRG

Hack Ranch and Georgia Pass

Leader(s): Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins.

Observers: Warren Finch, John Flavin, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Chuck Lowrie, Jay Packer, Marilyn and Frank Rathman, Ellen Swanson, Ru Wing. **Time:** 0830 to 1630. **Distance:** 37 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Not noted; elev. 9500-11,000'.

Weather: Clear to partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 50-85 °F.

Totals: 64 Species, 489 Individuals.

Tuesday Birders

June 5, Tuesday

BCL

Bear Creek Lake - Lakewood

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell.

Observers: 26. **Time:** 0900 to 1200.

Distance: 9 miles by car, 1 mile on foot.

Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails & open fields; elev. 5800'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 65-73 °F.

Totals: 39 Species, 215 Individuals.

June 12, Tuesday

LLA

Los Lagos (near Rollinsville)

Leader(s): Richard and Phyllis Baldwin, Ann Bonnell and Judy Miller.

Observers: 42. **Time:** 0900 to 1200.

Distance: 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot.

Habitat: Lakes, riparian, Ponderosa & Lodgepole Pine; elev. 8600'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind variable, 0-7 mph; temp. 60 °F.

Totals: 30 Species, 127 Individuals.

June 19, Saturday

REY

Reynolds Park Jeffco Open Space

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell.

Observers: 35. **Time:** 0830 to 1230. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, Ponderosa Pine & Douglas Fir; elev. 7300'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind W, 0-10 mph; temp. 66-70 °F.

Totals: 30 Species, 108 Individuals.

June 26, Tuesday

PVR

Pine Valley Ranch Jeffco Open Space Park

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell.

Observers: 32. **Time:** 0900 to 1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir with lake, Ponderosa Pine, Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir & grassy meadows; elev. 7200'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind NW, 0-4 mph; temp. 70-83 °F.

Totals: 29 Species, 101 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

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	2 PAW	3 TOW	9 DOU	10 BAR	16 CHA	17 PAR	16-17 DEL	23 ROC	24 CAS	30 HRG	5 BCL	12 LLA	19 REY	26 PVR	
Pied-billed Grebe							4								4
Eared Grebe										30					30
Western Grebe				7	4	2	165				3				181
Clark's Grebe				1			20								21
American White Pelican	4			4	5		35				12				60
Double-crested Cormorant	4			5	6		12				41				68
Great Blue Heron	2	4		4	6		30				14	1			61
Snowy Egret							2								2
Cattle Egret	1														1
Black-crowned Night-Heron					1	10									11
White-faced Ibis							15								15
Turkey Vulture		1	1		3		6		20	3	1		1	1	37
Canada Goose	4			44	120	4	160			40	23				395
Wood Duck				2											2
Gadwall	4			2			1			8					15
Mallard	15	3		17	5	2	20	2		6	6	2	1	6	85
Blue-winged Teal	8						7			2					17
Cinnamon Teal	8									1					9
Northern Shoveler	4														4
Northern Pintail	8														8
Green-winged Teal	2									2					4
Redhead	4						14			6					24
Ring-necked Duck										2		2			4
Lesser Scaup	3									16					19
Bufflehead										12					12
Common Merganser					10										10
Ruddy Duck										10					10
Osprey							2	1				3			6
Northern Harrier	1														1
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1					2	1	1					5
Cooper's Hawk							1				1	1			3
Northern Goshawk								1				1			2
Swainson's Hawk	20			2					1						23
Red-tailed Hawk western races	6		2		2 (2)		3	1		1 (1)	1	1	2		19 (3)
Ferruginous Hawk							1								1
Golden Eagle		1					1				1				3
American Kestrel	4			3	3		3		1						14
Ring-necked Pheasant	2						5								7
Sora							1								1
American Coot				7			85			30					122
Killdeer	18			3	2	1	16			2	2				44
Black-necked Stilt	2														2
American Avocet	7				1		4								12
Greater Yellowlegs										1					1
Willet							1								1

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	2 PAW	3 TOW	9 DOU	10 BAR	16 CHA	17 PAR	16-17 DEL	23 ROC	24 CAS	30 HRG	5 BCL	12 LLA	19 REY	26 PVR	
Spotted Sandpiper					2					2				2	6
Upland Sandpiper	1														1
White-rumped Sandpiper	1														1
Still Sandpiper	1														1
Common Snipe	1									8					9
Wilson's Phalarope	22									16					38
Ring-billed Gull	1			4	3		15								23
California Gull					1		20								21
Forster's Tern	1					3									4
Rock Dove	1	2			1	4	15								23
Mourning Dove	150	5	6	14	5	2	40		8	8	4			1	243
Great Horned Owl					2										2
Burrowing Owl	2														2
Common Nighthawk	9		1				1								11
Chimney Swift	4														4
White-throated Swift							40								40
Black-chinned Hummingbird							1								1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		9		1	3		4	15	8	6		17	7	13	83
Belted Kingfisher		1	1		3				1		1				7
Lewis's Woodpecker							10								10
Red-headed Woodpecker	2														2
Williamson's Sapsucker								2							2
Red-naped Sapsucker								3		6					9
Downy Woodpecker				1	3	1							2		7
"Rocky Mountain" race					(2)										(2)
"eastern" race					(1)	(1)									(2)
Hairy Woodpecker												1			1
Northern Flicker	1	3		4	7	3	3			2	3	5		2	33
"Red-shafted" race				(4)	(7)	(3)	(3)			(2)					(19)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1						1			1	1			1	5
Western Wood-Pewee	10	18	1	6	25	4		4	6	7	2		3	1	87
Willow Flycatcher							1								1
Least Flycatcher					2										2
Hammond's Flycatcher								2							2
Dusky Flycatcher								2		2					4
Cordilleran Flycatcher									4			3	4	2	13
empidonax sp.							1						1		2
Say's Phoebe	1						4			1					6
Cassin's Kingbird	1														1
Western Kingbird	45		2	12	3		35				2				99
Eastern Kingbird	20			12	2	2									36
Loggerhead Shrike	4														4
Plumbeous Vireo							2		3						5
Warbling Vireo		1			2	2		10	2	4	2	3	13		39
Gray Jay										1					1
Steller's Jay		4					1	1				1	7	1	15
Blue Jay	5			1	1		1								8
Western Scrub-Jay		3					3		6						12
Pinon Jay							5								5
Clark's Nutcracker								2		11					13

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	2	3	9	10	16	17	18-17	23	24	30		5	12	19	28	
	PAW	TOW	DOU	BAR	CHA	PAR	DEL	ROC	CAS	HRG		BCL	LLA	REY	PVR	
Black-billed Magpie	2	10	1	5	20	8	17	4	2	3		7		1		80
American Crow					1		13	1					12	4		31
Common Raven		7	1		1		4	6		12			2	5		38
Raven sp.									11							11
Horned Lark	75				1		4	8	12	15						115
Tree Swallow				2	4	1	35	1	15	20			18	3	2	101
Violet-green Swallow		5					25	20	35	4		2	15	4	6	116
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	2		8		2		5								4	21
Bank Swallow					2											2
Cliff Swallow	25	10			18	20	60		24	16		3				176
Barn Swallow	5			6	1		15		2	1						30
Black-capped Chickadee		2	2	3	5		3		5	1			1		2	24
Mountain Chickadee		1					1	2					5	2	2	13
Red-breasted Nuthatch								1		2						3
White-breasted Nuthatch		3						1	1				2			7
Pygmy Nuthatch								1								1
Brown Creeper														2		2
Rock Wren							1	1						1		3
Canyon Wren							1		2					1		4
Bewick's Wren							1									1
House Wren	22	1	2	12	50	5	3	4	12	4		6	3	10		134
Marsh Wren							4									4
American Dipper												1			7	8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								10		15			4	1		30
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			1		3	2	2		1							9
Western Bluebird									4							4
Mountain Bluebird								6	10	7			8			31
Townsend's Solitaire								1						10	1	12
Swainson's Thrush	1						1									2
Hermit Thrush								1		3				1		5
American Robin	20	11		10	8	3	30	1	15	8		8	7	4	10	135
Gray Catbird		2	1		6	1						1			1	12
Sage Thrasher							1									1
Brown Thrasher	10															10
European Starling	1	9		19	3	1	25			7		3				68
Cedar Waxwing			7		3											10
Virginia's Warbler		2												1		3
Yellow Warbler	6	3	14	3	40	4	4		4	8		6			6	98
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race								4 (4)		6 (6)			3 (3)		1	14 (13)
American Redstart					3											3
MacGillivray's Warbler														1		1
Common Yellowthroat				3	7	4	5									19
Wilson's Warbler										2					1	3
Yellow-breasted Chat		6	4		10							2				22
Western Tanager		2					1		1			2		6	2	14
Green-tailed Towhee		1					3	1							1	6
Spotted Towhee		45	12		2				30			4				93
Cassin's Sparrow	1															1
Chipping Sparrow								4					1	5	3	13
Brewer's Sparrow	28															28
Vesper Sparrow					1			1	1	3						6

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Lark Sparrow	15								2						17
Sage Sparrow							1								1
Lark Bunting	650														650
Savannah Sparrow	1							1		6					8
Song Sparrow				3	5	2	1		1	4	2			3	21
Lincoln's Sparrow										6		1			7
White-crowned Sparrow								1		7					8
Dark-eyed Junco								1		8		1			10
"Gray-headed" race							(1)			(8)					(9)
McCown's Longspur	55														55
Chestnut-collared Longspur	3														3
Black-headed Grosbeak	1	5			4	1	10		3				1	4	29
Blue Grosbeak	1		5												6
Lazuli Bunting		4	14		1				8						27
Indigo Bunting									1						1
Dickcissel									1						1
Bobolink									7						7
Red-winged Blackbird	75			12	7	10	125		7	8	8			12	264
Western Meadowlark	175	5	20	3	12	1	80		11	6	3				316
Yellow-headed Blackbird	23						20			5					48
Brewer's Blackbird	15				1		30		2	22	4				74
Common Grackle	12	2	1	25	3	4	5			1	8				61
Great-tailed Grackle	1						2								3
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	11	25		6		9		10	12	1	1	1	3	80
Orchard Oriole				1		2									3
Bullock's Oriole	12	9	16	18	9	3	6		1		10				84
Pine Grosbeak										4					4
Cassin's Finch										15					15
House Finch	10		2		2	6	25		18						63
Red Crossbill								1							1
Pine Siskin								10	4	12		2	3		31
Lesser Goldfinch					18		1		15						34
American Goldfinch	4	14	28	2	20	3	2		1		6				80
House Sparrow	1			1		1	30				8				41
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1668	225	179	284	512	122	1428	141	340	501	215	127	108	101	5,951
TOTAL SPECIES	75	37	27	39	63	33	85	40	47	65	39	30	30	29	175

OBSERVATION LEGEND: a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, * =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats.

Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30pm at the Denver Zoo. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

Bulletin: A monthly newsletter/bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

\$25.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

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DFO Field Trips for September

Saturday September 1

Red Rocks Park: Leader: Lynn Willcockson 303-757-7000. Meet leader at 0730 at Trading Post parking lot inside park. Good for beginners and new members. Half day trip. Bring extra water.

Sunday September 2

Lair o' the Bear - Jefferson County Open Space: Leader: Karleen Schofield 303-936-8661 Meet leader at 0700 at RTD Park-N-Ride, W. 4th Ave. & Union Blvd. Park in the upper lot. Will walk 3 miles on dirt trails. Half day trip, lunch optional.

Begin Fall Count

Thursday September 6

Cherry Creek Reservoir: Leaders: Tamie Bulow, 303-462-1238 and Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947. Meet leaders at 0700 at west gate near Cherry Creek High School, State Parks Pass required.

Friday September 7

Lower Bear Creek: Leader: Tamie Bulow, 303-462-1238. Meet leader at 0700 at northwest corner of Hampden (US 285) and S. Sheridan Blvd, in front of Albertson's. Please call leader if you plan to go.

Saturday September 8

Waterton Canyon: Leader: Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723. Meet leader at 0645 at Discovery Pavilion (left turn immediately after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon). Downstream, 4-5 mile hike. Wear long pants (not shorts) due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed.

Saturday September 8

Barr Lake State Park: Leader: Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035. Meet leader at 0630 at entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. This is a 10-mile, all-day hike around the lake (or equivalent). State Parks pass required.

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The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Boulevard., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcements. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

In Memoriam

On June 24, 2001, the Colorado birding community lost Jack Reddall, a remarkable man whose Colorado birding experience spanned five decades. Since he and his wife

Dorothy made thousands of forays into the mountains and plains of Colorado, accumulating a wealth of information and experience with the birds of the Rocky Mountain West. He was a meticulous record keeper, and leaves behind an extensive library of birding records, most of which will be donated to the archives of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

In the early days of his Colorado birding career, Jack established life-long friendships with many who shared his love of birds. Among these were the teenaged Van Remsen, who has gone on to a distinguished career in ornithology, and Harold Holt, author of several volumes of the "Lane Guides." In Harold's "Birder's Guide to Colorado", Jack contributed the chapter on birding the South Platte River corridor, his favorite birding area in the state.

He served as President of the Denver field Ornithologists, and edited the *Lark Bunting* for several years. Jack never tired of relating the birding adventures he had experienced all over North America, especially those that he shared with Dorothy, as they traveled the country in their camper.

Jack would delight in relating instances in which he had beaten the bushes for hours in search of a particular bird, which meanwhile had been hanging out with Dorothy back at the campsite. He took particular pride in those species for which he had the first Colorado records. He led innumerable field trips, and enjoyed sharing his vast knowledge of birds with the less experienced.

Jack Reddall was, first and foremost, a lover of birds and a member of the DFO from 1969-1997. Those of us who were privileged to spend time with him in the field, and to share in his knowledge and enthusiasm, will carry that experience with us wherever we may wander. He will be greatly missed.

We also report with sadness the death of another long-time member, Marjorie Roberts, 1977-2001.

Classes, Trips and Viewing Opportunities

Birding Festival at Barr Lake State Park, September 22nd.

The fourth annual Barr Lake Fall Birding Festival, celebrating Colorado's migratory songbirds, will take place at Barr Lake State Park on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Festival goers can enjoy a variety of events that include bird walks, bird-banding demonstrations, hands-on activities for children, and live raptors from the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. The "Eagle Express", a motorized "train", will take visitors of all ages on a tour of the lake. The boardwalk to the banding station and the gazebo is wheelchair accessible. There will be a special \$1.00 park entry fee for event participants, in lieu of regular entry fees. (All other park visitors pay the regular \$4.00 entry fee). Proceeds from the festival will benefit Barr Lake Prairie Restoration projects. Food will be available for purchase. If you need more information you can call Barr Lake at 303.659.6005.

Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica, November 2001

The Kamms are offering one more of their outstanding excursions, November 19 through December 3rd, 2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or call Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas, January 20-26th, 2002

Volunteer Research Associate Norm Lewis will lead a birding trip to the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The trip will be from Jan 20-26, 2002. The trip will visit many of the "hotspots" along the river and adjacent areas, as the group searches for dozens of South Texas specialties. Lodging, motorcoach transportation and some meals are included; travel to and from our base in Brownsville is the responsibility of the individual. The museum will charge a substantial fee for this trip, so serious inquiries only please. For information, call Norm at 303.988.5544, or the Travel Programs Department at 303.370.6304.

Galapagos, March 2002

There are still four spaces available to visit the famous islands that inspired Charles Darwin to formulate his Theory of Evolution. The trip will take place March 2002, and will be led by Norm Erthal. If interested call Norm at 303-424-6747 or email him at normanape@aol.com for more information.



A Hummingbird/Songbird/Butterfly Garden

Tina Jones has opened her yard for viewing from August 1st through October 1st. Her address is 4400 Bow Mar Drive, just two blocks southwest of Quincy and South Sheridan. Leave a message for Tina if you intend to visit, at 303-794-2647.

Just turn up; there is no need for Tina to get back to you. Her yard historically is one of the best areas on the Front Range to see Calliope hummers. The males arrive about the third week in July, followed by the females and immatures of both sexes, stopping in the yard through about 9/10, although each summer can be different. Last summer there were 6-8 Calliope's a day at times.

Early mornings and evenings are best. Sorry there have not been any Costa's—so far! Park on Bow Mar Dr. (not in driveway), go to patio next to garage, sign in, and read the instructions. There are chairs in the backyard where you may sit quietly. Tina's yard has been written up in two books as a wonderful example of a wildlife habitat.

Field Trip Editors

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct (starts Oct 2001)

Diane Lane, delane@pcisys.net, 1910 S Grant St, Denver, CO 80210

- Sent to Diane by Patty Echelmeyer

Feb, May, Aug, Nov

Cris Cook, cris@pcisys.net, 8511 W Star Cir, Littleton, CO 80128

- Sent to Cris by Jackie King, includes Spring count schedule from Kingery

Additional reports must be reported to the editor, Elna Cain by the first of the following month for inclusion in the next month's Lark Bunting.

Reminder

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, even taking into account that it is sent via third class mail, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip schedule at www.geocities.com/dfobirders.

Deadlines for Submittals to the Editors

First day of the month for all submissions.

E-mail only please.

Additional Reports:

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Field Trip/Count Reports

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Upcoming Field Trips for: Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct (starts Oct 2001)

Diane Lane, delane@pcisys.net, 1910 S Grant St, Denver, CO 80210

Upcoming Field Trips for Feb, May, Aug, Nov (Includes Spring count schedule)

Cris Cook, cris@pcisys.net, 8511 W Star Cir, Littleton, CO 80128

Upcoming Field Trips for Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec (plus Jul 2001, Includes Fall and Xmas count schedules) - Kim Sawyer, kimmer815@aol.com,

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All submittals are due to the compiling editor, Veronica Holt, by the 5th of every month.

We encourage you to send us (by email) any photos, articles, and information that would be of interest to our membership to veronicaholt@att.net.

Directions to the Denver Zoo and to our Meetings

Monthly membership meetings are held on the first Wednesday September through May, except for December, at 7:30pm in the Grasslands Room at the Denver Zoo. Enter through the main gate; there will be a small security building on your right after you pass through. Turn right after the security building and walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. The Grasslands Room is on the first floor. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns. The first set of double doors on the left is the Grasslands studio where we will be meeting.

Welcome New Members

Jill Boice & Bob Trout, 876 Downing St, Denver, CO 80218, 303.863.7580

Carol Carlson, 8219 Chase Dr., Arvada, CO 80003, 303.427.3181

Beverly DuGay, 12952 Pine Creek Lane Sedalia, CO 80135, 303.688.1127

Donna Giannola, P.O. Box 185., Frederick, CO 80530, 303.833.5522

Contributions

Educational Endowment Fund: None this month.

Rare Bird Alert: None this month

Our sincere appreciation to all those who donate to the Rare Bird Alert and Educational Endowment Fund.

Your generosity keeps these valuable programs alive and well!

DFO Field Trip Summaries for July 2001**July 1, Sunday, Genesee Mountain Park****GEN**

Leader(s): Don and Diana Mullineaux. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Joan Blumberg, Marty Blumberg, Jill Boice, Christine Goff, Beverlee Guild, Bob Trout. **Time:** 0700 to 1200. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Montane woodland, meadows; elev. 8284'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind calm; temp. 70-90 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 99 Individuals.

July 7-8, Saturday/Sunday, North Park, Walden, Arapaho NWR and Colorado SF**NOR**

Leader(s): Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Ellie Baker, Mike Foster, Joan Little, Chuck Lowrie, Jay Packer, Shirley Spencer, Chuck Walters, Bob and Rhu Wing. **Time:** 0930 to 0900 (first day)/0545 to 1330 (second day). **Distance:** 175 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grasslands, lake, stream. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to clearing; wind calm; temp. warm to very warm. **Totals:** 86 Species, 2255 Individuals.

June 9, Saturday, Gregory Canyon - Boulder area**GRE**

Leader(s): Gregg Goodrich. **Observers:** Nancy Aley, George Armbrust, Jaymie Arnold, John Blakley, Marty Blakley, Patty Echelmeyer, Peggy Hawkins, Loch Kilpatrick, Tim Mitzen, Larry Modesitt, Jim Perry, Chuck Tuzil, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0730 to 1100. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills scrub and riparian; elev. 5680'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 85-85 °F. **Totals:** 35 Species, 221 Individuals.

July 8, Sunday, Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch Open Space Park**DEE**

Leader(s): JB Hayes. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Gale Danile, Bob Engelbert, Peggy Hankins, Julia and Norman Kasch, Diane Mullineaux, Jim Perry, Nathaniel Scott, Rosemary Spreha, Chris Stromsness, Pat Wallace. **Time:** 0700 to 1430. **Distance:** 41 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, meadows, foothills scrub, fir-pine forest; elev. 5300-8000'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, clear; wind 0-5 mph; temp. 65-92 °F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 398 Individuals.

July 14, Saturday, Pine Valley Ranch**PIN**

Leader(s): Jeff Herzog. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Sonja Hahn, Loch Kilpatrick, Bill and Joanne Miller, Bob Spencer, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0800 to 1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** unstated; elev. 7100'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 70-80 °F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 175 Individuals.

July 15, Sunday, Upper White Ranch Park**WHI**

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Joan Little, Toni Rautis. **Time:** 0800 to 1130. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grasslands, riparian, ponderosa pine and douglas fir forest; elev. 6500-7200'. **Weather:** Sunny early A.M., rainy late A.M.; wind W, 0-15 mph; temp. 70-85 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 274 Individuals.

July 21, Saturday, Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lake and West Chicago Creek**FIL**

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Maggie Boswell, Diane Dugall, Anne Frazier, Jean Frazier, Chuck Lowrie, Liz Willcockson. **Time:** 0800 to 1430. **Distance:** 35 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, subalpine and alpine, evergreen forests, lakes and tundra; elev. 7500-12,700'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, rain in P.M.; wind SW, 5-10 mph; temp.

July 22, Sunday Kenosha Pass - East of Hwy 285**KEN**

Leader(s): Mary Burger. **Observers:** Jill Boice, Patty Echelmeyer, Sally Thompson. **Time:** 0730 to 1200. **Distance:** 90 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain lake, mixed and coniferous forests, meadows; elev. 10,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 65-75 °F. **Totals:** 25 Species, 105 Individuals.

July Field Trip Summaries, continued

July 21, Saturday, *Filius Park, Echo/Summit Lake and West Chicago Creek* (FIL)

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Maggie Boswell, Diane Dugall, Anne Frazier, Jean Frazier, Chuck Lowrie, Liz Willcockson. **Time:** 0800 to 1430. **Distance:** 35 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, sub alpine and alpine, evergreen forests, lakes and tundra; elev. 7500-12,700'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, rain in P.M.; wind SW, 5-10 mph; temp. 55-75 °F. **Totals:** 42 Species, 93 Individuals.

June 22, Sunday, *Kenosha Pass - East of Hwy 285* (KEN)

Leader(s): Mary Burger. **Observers:** Jill Boice, Patty Echelmeyer, Sally Thompson. **Time:** 0730 to 1200. **Distance:** 90 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain lake, mixed and coniferous forests, meadows; elev. 10,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 65-75 °F. **Totals:** 25 Species, 105 Individuals.

July 28, Saturday, *Chatfield State Park* (CHA)

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Joan and Martin Blumberg, Mary Geader, Sonja Hahn, Connie Huyck, Chuck Lowrie, Peggy Roberts, Lisa Shik, Bob Spencer, Chuck Walters, Carol Wilson. **Time:** 0800 to 1200. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, fields; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Clear and sunny; wind calm; temp. 50-90 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 167 Individuals.

July 29, Sunday, *Hutton Lake NWR in Wyoming* (Data to be included in the next issue.)

Tuesday Birders

July 3, Tuesday, *Jarr Canyon To Indian Crk Campground* JAC

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0900 to 1200. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, Ponderosa Pine, Aspen woodland, willow; elev. 7600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind W, 0-4 mph; temp. 88-90 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 30 Individuals.

July 10, Tuesday, *Evergreen Lake, Mt. Evans Elk Mgmt Wildlife Area* EVL

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 26. **Time:** 0830 to 1230. **Distance:** 16 miles by car, 3 on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, spruce & aspen; elev. 7040-8600'. **Weather:** Clear/partly cloudy; wind S, 0-8 mph; temp. 65-73 °F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 255 Individuals.

July 17, Tuesday, *Mt. Evans - Squaw Pass, Echo & Summit Lakes* MTE

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 23. **Time:** 0900 to 1300. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Tundra, lakes, ponderosa, lodgepole & bristlecone pine, aspen & some riparian; elev. 9000-12,930'. **Weather:** Partly Cloudy; wind S, 0-15 mph; temp. 55-70 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 74 Individuals.

July 24, Tuesday, *Shrine Pass* SHP

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 18. **Time:** 1000 to 1300. **Distance:** 70 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Pond, riparian, willow, pine, aspen, fir & spruce; elev. 11,200'. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind S, 5 mph; temp. 60-70°F. **Totals:** 15 Species, 74 Individuals.

July 31, Tuesday, *Estes Park - Rocky Mtn Nat'l Park & Prather Ashe Property* ESP

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 39. **Time:** 0930 to 1230. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Spruce & ponderosa woodlands, riparian, willow with some aspen groves; elev. 7756'. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind S, 0-20 mph; temp. 60-73 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 199 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

Field Trip Summary Table, July 2001

SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	1	7-8	7	8	14	15	21	22	28		3	10	17	24	31	
LOCATION	GEN	NOR	GRE	DEE	PIN	WHI	FIL	KEN	CHA		JAC	EVL	MTE	SHI	ESP	
Pied-billed Grebe		4						1								5
Eared Grebe		180														180
Western Grebe		2														2
Clark's Grebe		1														1
American White Pelican		113														113
Double-crested Cormorant		31	1	2					5			5				44
Great Blue Heron	1	2							3			1				7
White-faced Ibis		2														2
Turkey Vulture			8		1	2			3		3	1			1	19
Canada Goose		523										13			20	556
Gadwall		12														12
American Wigeon		15														15
Mallard		17		4	3		2	6	2			49	10		10	103
Cinnamon Teal		8														8
Northern Shoveler		2														2
Northern Pintail		5														5
Redhead		6														6
Pint-necked Duck		12						1								13
Lesser Scaup		4														4
Common Merganser		5														5
Ruddy Duck		6														6
Northern Harrier		3														3
accipiter sp.	1															1
Swainson's Hawk		2		1							1					4
Pied-tailed Hawk	1	1		4		2	1		2			3			1	15
western races						(2)	(1)									(3)
buteo sp.								1								1
Golden Eagle		2														2
American Kestrel												1				1
Prairie Falcon			1												1	2
Greater Sage-Grouse		2														2
Blue Grouse															9	9
Sora				1				1				1				3
American Coot		36						27								63
Killdeer		22						1								23
Black-necked Stilt		1														1
American Avocet		16														16
Lesser Yellowlegs		1														1
Solitary Sandpiper								1								1
Willet		35														35
Spotted Sandpiper		4			1		1							2		8
Upland Sandpiper		1														1
Long-billed Curlew		2														2
Pectoral Sandpiper		1														1
Common Snipe		9														9
Wilson's Phalarope		43														43

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LOCATION	GEN	NOR	GRE	DEE	PIN	WHI	FIL	KEN	CHA	JAC	EVL	MTE	SHP	ESP		
Franklin's Gull	3															3
Ring-billed Gull									2							2
California Gull		752							1							753
Forster's Tern		2														2
Rock Dove			4	5		10										19
Band-tailed Pigeon												2				2
Mourning Dove		1	1	12	2	8			10							34
Short-eared Owl		1														1
Common Nighthawk		2														2
White-throated Swift				6												6
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	8	5	8	10	20	12	3	2	5	5	6	3		5		92
Rufous Hummingbird							1						1	2		4
Belted Kingfisher					2				5		1					8
Williamson's Sapsucker	4									2						6
Red-naped Sapsucker		6		2			1	1			1	1				12
Downy Woodpecker			3	2	2						2					9
Hairy Woodpecker										1	1					2
Northern Flicker	2		3		1		1				3	3				13
Olive-sided Flycatcher					2											2
Western Wood-Pewee	2	1	3	8		1	2	2	10		1					30
Eastern Wood-pewee									1							1
Hammond's Flycatcher				2		1								1		4
Dusky Flycatcher		1		4												5
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1		4	25	2	7	4			3	4	1		6		57
Western Kingbird				10		1			1							12
Eastern Kingbird		1							2							3
Plumbeous Vireo	2		1	1		2										6
Warbling Vireo	2		17	2		2				6	1					30
Red-eyed Vireo				1												1
Gray Jay							2	2				3	5			12
Stellar's Jay	3		7	1	12	3	1				3	2		1		33
Blue Jay			2													2
Western Scrub-Jay			1	3						1						5
Clark's Nutcracker							2	2		1		2		1		8
Black-billed Magpie	2	4	6	4		3	2		22					9		52
American Crow	3	13	3	3		3	4			1	6	10	2	50		98
Common Raven		3		2		1	2	6		3	2	5		4		28
Horned Lark		23														23
Tree Swallow		4					3	6			3					16
Violet-green Swallow	12	1	10	65	30	25	4	4		1	23	2		9		186
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		3														3
Cliff Swallow		121		1		65					10					197
Barn Swallow		9		1	2						1					13
Black-capped Chickadee			31	9	1	7			4	1						53
Mountain Chickadee	1	2		5	6		4	8		1	10	6	4	7		54
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1		2					1				4
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		1	2	1	3	3			1	5			5		23
Pygmy Nuthatch	6			1			3			1	7			9		27
Brown Creeper			1	2						2						5
House Wren	1			12	4	5	2	2	10	2	3	1		12		54
Marsh Wren		8														8
American Dipper											4					4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		4		1							3	2	2	1		13
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				1												1
Western Bluebird	2						2									4
Mountain Bluebird		3		4		5		6		1	1			6		26

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Townsend's Solitaire				1		2	2				1				6	
Hermit Thrush							2			4					6	
American Robin	12	16	14	16	2	3	1	1	2		4		6	4	81	
Gray Catbird			12	2	25										39	
Sage Thrasher		11													11	
European Starling		6		22		12			10						50	
American Pipit							7								7	
Cedar Waxwing					2										2	
Virginia's Warbler			5	1		1									7	
Yellow Warbler		14		2					4	1					21	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6	2		1	2		1			7	6			1	26	
"Audubon's" race					(2)		(1)								(3)	
Townsend's Warbler														1	1	
Ovenbird										3					3	
MacGillivray's Warbler			2	2											4	
Wilson's Warbler		2					1		1				3		7	
Yellow-breasted Chat			3	2					5						10	
Western Tanager		1	8	4	3	6				2	1			1	26	
Green-tailed Towhee			2		2	3	2				1			1	11	
Spotted Towhee			16	28	1	19									64	
Chipping Sparrow	5	3		4	5	5	5			5	10	1		6	49	
Vesper Sparrow	2	2													4	
Lark Sparrow									1						1	
Savannah Sparrow		5		8											13	
Song Sparrow		3		3	5	3	1		2	2	3	1	6		29	
Lincoln's Sparrow		2					3	5				2	2		14	
White-crowned Sparrow		5					3					1	16		25	
Dark lored races							(3)								(3)	
Dark-eyed Junco	3			3	3	3	1	4		3	2	1	1	6	30	
"Gray-headed" race	(3)			(3)	(3)	(3)	(1)	(4)				(1)	(1)		(19)	
Black-headed Grosbeak			11	4	1				1	1					18	
Lazuli Bunting				4		6			1						11	
Red-winged Blackbird		10		6	7	4		12			40				79	
Western Meadowlark		1		15		2		2	3						23	
Yellow-headed Blackbird		10													10	
Brewer's Blackbird		40													40	
Common Grackle		1		3							6				10	
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	2	1	12	2	4	1				2	4			30	
Bullock's Oriole				4		5			4						13	
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch							1								1	
Pine Grosbeak		1					1						4		6	
Cassin's Finch						2	2								4	
House Finch	1	2	28	20		4	4						1		60	
Red Crossbill	6	5										10			21	
Pine Siskin	6	5	1		20		1	1		6	2		19	9	70	
Lesser Goldfinch			1	10		10	1		20						42	
"Green-backed" race							(1)		x						(1)	
"Black-backed" race									x						(0)	
American Goldfinch		1		3	1	12			25	2					44	
House Sparrow		1	1								2				4	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	99	2255	221	398	175	274	93	105	167	73	255	74	74	199	4,461	
TOTAL SPECIES	28	86	35	60	34	40	42	25	30	30	44	23	15	30	144	

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DFO Field Trips for September continued**Saturday September 8**

Chatfield State Park: Leader, Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet leader at 0600 at West (Deer Creek) entrance to park. State Parks Pass required.

Sunday September 10

Castlewood Canyon State Park: Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381. Meet leader at 0630 at old entrance. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road, go two miles to old entrance. State Parks pass required.

Barr Lake Periphery: Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader at 0630 at intersection of Piccadilly Road and Bromley Lane. This trip does not involve much walking and will be good for people with limited mobility or stamina.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal: Leader: Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723. Tentative, depending on state of clean up at Arsenal. If it goes, USF&W may restrict trip to Arsenal volunteers.

End Fall Count**Saturday September 15**

Barr Lake State Park & Smith Nature Area: Leader: Norm Lewis 303-988-5544. Meet leader at 0800 at Barr Lake Visitor Center. Will walk 3-4 miles. Full day trip, bring lunch and extra water. State Park Pass required.

Sunday September 16

Chatfield State Park: Leader: Tamie Bulow 303-462-1238. Meet leader at 0700 at fee station inside west entrance of park, off S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1- 1/2 miles south of C-470. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Park Pass required.

Saturday September 22

Roxborough State Park: Leader: Warren Finch 303-233-3372. Meet leader at 0800 at park visitor center. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Park Pass required.

Sunday September 23

Rigli Ranch: Leader: Joe Rigli 1-970-483-5200. Meet at 0700 to carpool at the east end of the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Or, join group at 0800 at Pepper Pot Restaurant in Hudson. Take Hudson exit off I-76 and turn right. Meet leader at 0900 at ranch. From Hudson, go east on Colorado 52 for approximately 32 miles until it turns north - do not turn north. Continue east on Morgan County Road F for another 14 miles to CR14, turn left (or north) on CR14 and go about two miles to the first white house on the left where two boxcars are visible. Bring lunch and extra water.

September 29, Saturday

Walden Ponds Wildlife Area - Boulder: Leader: Chris Owens & Richard Mendez 303-772-6048. Meet leaders at 0800 at Cottonwood Marsh parking lot. Form north bound US 36, take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Ave, then go east to 75th St. Go north on 75th St. past Valmont Rd and railroad tracks. Turn left at Wildlife area sign. Follow road west and south to Cottonwood Marsh parking lot. Half day trip, lunch optional.

Sunday September 30

N.E. Colorado Reservoirs: Leader: Joey Kellner 303-978-1748. Meet leader at 0500 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 N. Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th Ave, go west 2 blocks to Broadway, then north two blocks to parking lot on right. Bring lunch and extra water. Fee areas for Jumbo & Prewitt Reservoirs.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats. **Regular Meetings:** The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30pm at the Denver Zoo. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. The meetings are open to the public without charge. **Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. **Bulletin:** A monthly newsletter/bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.



Bird Photography Tour of Fair Isle & Sptisbergen is our next feature meeting, Wednesday September 5, presented by Matt Cox, at the Denver Zoo.

Visit the www.fairisle.org.uk for the latest reports on the disappearance of the regular Puffins at a colony near the Observatory. According to ornithologists reports, "this was blamed on one of the resident pairs of Great Skuas, even though they have always been around the colony. A week after the 'high' count of terns was made, it was evident that numbers were starting to dwindle. It wasn't considered to be too drastic, as terns are a fickle species anyway. Most years high numbers move on to the isle 'prospecting' and soon move off, probably to breed on Shetland or further north. Two weeks later however, numbers of terns had again dropped, falling from 2,840 pairs to just 280, which signaled something wasn't right..."

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

\$25.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

\$5 ☐ Student Membership (age 18 or younger)

☐ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

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DFO Field Trips for October 2001

October 6, Saturday

Lyons area: Leader Raymond Davis, 303-823-5332. Meet leaders at 0830 at Park n' Ride in Lyons next to library, 1½ blocks south of traffic light. Bring lunch (half-day trip). Always surprises!

October 7, Sunday

Lake McConaughy in Nebraska: Leader Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Call leader if going. Drive is 4 hours each way, but it's worth it!

October 13, Saturday

Chatfield State Park: Leader Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet at 0730 at west entrance to park. From C470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1½ miles to entrance on left. Bring lunch (full-day trip). A good list is anticipated. State Parks pass is required.

October 14, Sunday

Barr Lake State Park: Leaders Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center in park. Half-day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required. Good trip for novice birders. Leaders really know the area.

October 20, Saturday

Cherry Creek Reservoir and State Park: Leader Loch Kilpatrick, 303-975-1485. Meet at 0800 at west entrance to park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from S. Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks pass required. Half-day trip. We hope that crowds are gone and the birds are there!

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September Field Trips, continued

October 21, Sunday

Walden Ponds Wildlife Area, Boulder.

Leader: Gregg Goodrich. Meet at 0800 at Cottonwood Marsh parking lot. From north-bound US 36, take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Ave., then go east to 75th St. Go north on 75th St. past Valmont Rd. and the railroad tracks. Turn left at wildlife area sign. Follow road west and south to the parking lot. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Good area to check out in the fall.

October 27, Saturday

Kent Country Day School area:

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000. Meet at 0800 at Cherry Hills Police Dept. parking lot (SE corner of S. University and Quincy). Half-day trip, lunch optional. This is part of the urban count area in January.

October 28, Sunday (Daylight Savings change—Fall back!)

Carson Nature Center, Mineral and Santa Fe.

Leader: Sue Schulman, 303-773-3540. Meet at 0800 at the Nature Center. Go west on Mineral off Santa Fe. Take second turn on right, follow back to the building. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Birding in the South Platte Riparian area.

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer,
compiled by Diane Lane

DFO dues to plummet in 2002

At a recent meeting, the DFO Board decided to reduce membership dues for 2002 from \$25.00 to \$20.00 per year, effective October 1 2001.

Student membership dues will remain at \$5.00.



The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Boulevard, Denver, CO 80205. The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

Classes, Trips and Viewing Opportunities



Quetzal
The Resplendent Bird

Birding hotspots of Costa Rica, November 2001

The Kamms are offering another of their outstanding excursions, 11/19-12/3/2001. The trip is limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or call Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

Galapagos, March 2002

This trip led by Norm Erthal, 303.424.6747, normananpe@aol.com is full.

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas, January 20-26th, 2002

Volunteer Research Associate Norm Lewis will lead a birding trip to the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The trip will be from Jan 20-26, 2002.

The trip will visit many of the "hotspots" along the river and adjacent areas, as the group searches for dozens of South Texas specialties. Lodging, motorcoach transportation and some meals are included; travel to and from our base in Brownsville is the responsibility of the individual. The museum will charge a substantial fee for this trip, so serious inquiries only please. For information, call Norm at 303.988.5544, or the Travel Programs Department at 303.370.6304.



Black-capped Vireo

"What's New at Cherry Creek Reservoir?"

Our October 3rd feature meeting will present Bob Toll, Cherry Creek Park. Bob will bring us up to date on this year's activities, and the Park's plans for the future.

Cherry Creek's 3,915 acres of land and 880 acres of water boasts of more than 150 species of migratory and resident birds, including the plains species of lark bunting, horned lark and meadow lark. Several raptors, waterfowl and shorebirds are attracted to the reservoir. A nesting colony of black-crowned night herons use wooded wetlands on the west side of the reservoir and burrowing owls use prairie dog burrows for nesting and brood-rearing. Rare birds such as the bald eagle, white pelican and American peregrine falcon may also be observed here as migrants, winter or summer residents.



Snow Goose January 2000

Lark Bunting Field Trip Editors and Deadlines

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the various responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

Field Trip/Count Reports

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Upcoming Field Trips

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcisys.net

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule: Scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and xmas count schedules: Scheduled by Dianna Johnson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, even taking into account that it is sent via third class mail, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information.

We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip schedule at www.geocities.com/dfobirders.

Welcome New Members

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We hope to see you all on field trips and at meetings soon!

Information on our meetings is on page 11.

Contributions

Educational Endowment Fund:
None this month

Rare Bird Alert:
None this month

Those who donate to the Rare Bird Alert and Educational Endowment Fund keep these valuable programs alive and well!

Contributions can be submitted on the membership form on page 11.

DFO Field Trip Summaries for August 2001**July 29, Sunday****Hutton Lake, Wyoming (HUT)**

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Jim Swarr (FL). **Time:** 0745-1600. **Distance:** 210 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains; elev. 6,000'. **Weather:** Clear, afternoon partly cloudy; wind SW, 15-30 mph; temp. 68-87 °F. **Totals:** 70 Species, 852 Individuals.

August 4, Saturday**Roxborough State Park (ROX)**

Leader: Ben Moore. **Observers:** Marilyn Brenenger, Sonja Hahn, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub Oak - Foothills; elev. 6,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind E, 3-5 mph; temp. 72-85 °F. **Totals:** 17 Species, 53 Individuals.

August 5, Sunday**Golden Gate Canyon Road and State Park (WPB)**

Leader: Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Kathy Mihn Dunning, Beverlee Guild, Loch Kilpatrick. **Time:** 0630-1300. **Distance:** 47 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills riparian, deciduous and conifer, lower montane; elev. 5,600-8,600'. **Weather:** Sunny to cloudy; wind calm; temp. 65-90 °F. **Totals:** 52 Species, 309 Individuals.

August 11, Saturday**Boulder Mountain Park (BLD)**

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster. **Observers:** Bob Frager, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Ingrid Huskey (TX), Bob Hutchinson, Jim Perry, Mary Stallings, Diana Wilson. **Time:** 0830-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills canyon and ponderosa pine forest; elev. 6,200-6,400'. **Weather:** Fair; wind none; temp. 80 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 158 Individuals.

August 12, Sunday**Ash Hollow State Park, Nebraska (ASH)**

Leader: Jackie King

Trip cancelled.

August 18, Saturday**Barr Lake State Park (BAR)**

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Joan and Marty Blumberg, Bob Hutchinson, Buzz Schaumburg, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 60-90 °F. **Totals:** 42 Species, 862 Individuals.

August 19, Sunday**Chatfield State Park (CHA)**

Leaders: Bob and LeAnn Brown. **Observers:** Maggie Boswell, Warren Finch, Beverlee Guild, Charles Lawrence, Sue Schulman, Mary Stallings, Sally Thompson, Bill Turner. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Streamside riparian, open water, mudflats. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 70-85 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 232 Individuals.

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August Field Trip Summaries, continued**August 25, Saturday**Longmont Area (LON)

Leader(s): Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Nancy Aley, George Armbrust, Mary Burger, Bill Eeds, Bob Hutchison, Dianna and Wayne Johnston, Mary Stallings, Ru Wing. **Time:** 0700-1445. **Distance:** ?? miles by car, ?? miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, ponds, riparian, fields, foothills. **Weather:** Cloudy to clear; wind NW, 0-35 mph; temp. 67-80 °F. **Totals:** 84 Species, 1565 Individuals.

August 26, SundayStapleton Braille Trail (SBT)

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Nancy Crews, Jill Holden, Mark Holden, Alberta Nelson, Peter Spanberger, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills; elev. 7,500'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 50-82 °F. **Totals:** 26 Species, 154 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS**August 7, Tuesday**Conifer and Kenosha Pass (CON)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 1000-1400. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Pond, woodland, Aspen & Bristlecone Pine, meadows; elev. 10,400'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind S, 0-4 mph; temp. 70-74 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 101 Individuals.

August 14, TuesdayGolden Gate Canyon State Park (GGC)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 27. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, willow, ponds, meadows, Aspen, Ponderosa Pine, Blue Spruce; elev. 8,100-9,500'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind SW, 0-3 mph; temp. 68-84 °F. **Totals:** 24 Species, 95 Individuals.

August 21, TuesdayGeorgetown and Guanella Pass to Grant (GEO)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 16. **Time:** 0900-1430. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lodgepole Pine, Aspen, willow, tundra, riparian, spruce & woodlands; elev. 8,500-11,669'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind light; temp. 70-86 °F. **Totals:** 9 Species, 17 Individuals.

August 28, TuesdayMaxwell Falls to Else Van Erp Property (MAX)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0930-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, pine, spruce, aspen; elev. 8,500'. **Weather:** Sunny to cloudy; wind NW, 0-5 mph; temp. 67-75 °F. **Totals:** 15 Species, 64 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

Field Trip Summary Table, August 2001

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	29-Jul	4	6	11	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	28	
	HUT	ROX	GGC	BLD	BAR	CHA	LON	SBT	CON	GGC	GEO	MAX	
Pied-billed Grebe	2						2		2				6
Eared Grebe	12						2						14
Western Grebe	1				15	12	147						175
Clark's Grebe							1						1
American White Pelican	9				180		55						244
Double-crested Cormorant	2	5			32	5	37						81
Great Blue Heron	13				12	3	20						48
Great Egret	7				1		10						18
Snowy Egret					12								12
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1						2						3
White-faced Ibis	6												6
Turkey Vulture	3	4		8			7	6					28
Canada Goose	45				233	17	312						607
Wood Duck							1						1
Gadwall	11				2		1						14
American Wigeon							12		4				16
Mallard	12		1		28	4	189	10	2	3			249
Blue-winged Teal	9						18						27
Cinnamon Teal					8								8
Northern Shoveler							3						3
Green-winged Teal							6						6
Canvasback	1												1
Redhead	40						4						44
Ring-necked Duck									1				1
Lesser Scaup	1												1
Common Merganser						20							20
Ruddy Duck	12						4						16
Osprey							5						5
Bald Eagle						1							1
Northern Harrier	4						3						7
Swainson's Hawk	3				3		11						17
Red-tailed Hawk	1		1			1	6	1	2	2			14
western races							(6)						(6)
Ferruginous Hawk	1						1						2
Buteo sp.							1					1	2
Golden Eagle			1				1						2
American Kestrel	1		1		2		11	1		1			17
Prairie Falcon	2												2
Virginia Rail							1						1
Sora	5												5
American Coot	6						16		20				44
Killdeer	30				4	5	27						66
Black-necked Stilt	5												5
American Avocet	35												35
Greater Yellowlegs	1						6						7
Lesser Yellowlegs	1						1						2
Solitary Sandpiper	6						3						9
Willet	6												6
Spotted Sandpiper						1							1
Semipalmated Sandpiper	8												8
Western Sandpiper	10												10
Least Sandpiper	4						3						7
Baird's Sandpiper					36	3	6						45
Pectoral Sandpiper	1												1
Long-billed Dowitcher							1						1
Common Snipe	2						3						5
Wilson's Phalarope	80												80

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

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Franklin's Gull							168						168
Ring-billed Gull	3		1		120	15	11						150
California Gull	8					7	9						24
Forster's Tern							2						2
Black Tern	10												10
Rock Dove	5		4	4			56						69
Mourning Dove	35		2		17	5	12						71
Great Horned Owl					1		1						2
Common Nighthawk	2			1									3
White-throated Swift							7	4					11
Black-chinned Hummingbird				1		1							2
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		7	63	20		8	2	7	5	3		2	117
Rufous Hummingbird			4	1					2	2			9
Belted Kingfisher					1	2	4						7
Lewis's Woodpecker							3						3
Red-naped Sapsucker			1										1
Downy Woodpecker					3	1			1				5
Hairy Woodpecker				1								1	2
Northern Flicker		2	2		1	4	8	2	1	1			21
Red-shafted race		(2)	(2)			(4)	(8)	(2)					(18)
Olive-sided Flycatcher									1				1
Western Wood-Pewee			13	1	8	11	1	5	9	1			49
Hammond's Flycatcher			1										1
Cordilleran Flycatcher				3				3		1			7
empidonax sp.								4				1	5
Say's Phoebe		1											1
Western Kingbird	5				19		2						26
Eastern Kingbird	1				15		2						18
Plumbeous Vireo			1						2				3
Warbling Vireo			3		1	1							5
Steller's Jay			6	2				8		8		1	25
Blue Jay							2					1	3
Western Scrub-Jay		7	1				1						9
Clark's Nutcracker									2		1		3
Black-billed Magpie	2	1	2	2	8	4	3	4		3			29
American Crow	4	5		1		3	6	2		4	2	2	29
Common Raven	1	1	1	1				1			2		7
Horned Lark	60												60
Tree Swallow			10										10
Violet-green Swallow		2	8				7	15		4			36
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	2												2
Bank Swallow	25												25
Cliff Swallow	30		10				30						70
Barn Swallow	8		1				12	25		1			47
swallow sp.									2				2
Black-capped Chickadee		8	21	8	16	13	3	12		3			83
Mountain Chickadee			5	2				2	5	2	4	25	45
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1	0					1			1	9
White-breasted Nuthatch			2	4		3		5	3			3	20
Pygmy Nuthatch				30				1		5			36
Brown Creeper								1	5			3	9
Rock Wren		2					1						3
Canyon Wren							1						1
House Wren			4	1	6	8	3		2				24
Marsh Wren	3												3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1					4				5
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2	3										5
Mountain Bluebird			21							25			46

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Townsend's Solitaire			2								1		3
American Robin	2		9	1	3	3	10	1		1	3	6	39
Gray Catbird			1				4						5
European Starling	20				6	10	113						149
American Pipit	9												9
Cedar Waxwing							1						1
Virginia's Warbler			1	1									2
Yellow Warbler			2	6	12	8							28
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race			3 (3)				1		14				18 (3)
American Redstart						3							3
MacGillivray's Warbler			3		1		1			2			7
Wilson's Warbler							1				1	1	3
Yellow-breasted Chat						1							1
Western Tanager			2	1		1	1						5
Green-tailed Towhee			4							3			7
Spotted Towhee			4				3						7
Chipping Sparrow		1	18	12	6	7				16		5	65
Vesper Sparrow	33		2										35
Lark Sparrow	3		8		6								17
Savannah Sparrow								3					3
Song Sparrow		1	4		1		1						7
Lincoln's Sparrow			2										2
White-crowned Sparrow							8				2		10
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race			1 (1)						5 (5)	1	1	11 (11)	19 (17)
McCown's Longspur	25												25
Chestnut-collared Longspur	4												4
Black-headed Grosbeak							2						2
Blue Grosbeak							2						2
Lazuli Bunting			8										8
Red-winged Blackbird	40				2		56	16	6				120
Western Meadowlark	30	2			3		3						38
Yellow-headed Blackbird	20						32						52
Common Grackle	6				16		13						35
Brown-headed Cowbird	2				6		1						9
Bullock's Oriole		2	1		3								6
Cassin's Finch				1									1
House Finch			3		1	8	2	10					24
Pine Siskin			6					2		2			10
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race			28	20		25	2 (2)			1			76 (2)
American Goldfinch	3	2	10	8	8	8	12	3					54
House Sparrow	50				5								55
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	852	53	309	158	862	232	1565	154	101	95	17	64	4,462
TOTAL SPECIES	70	17	52	29	42	36	84	26	23	24	9	15	151

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

Additional Reports

Species	Date From	To	Number seen	Location	County	Observers
Reddish Egret	7/20		1 suba wht phase	Neenoshe res.	Kiowa	first found by Duane Nelson
Semipalmated Plover	6/3		1	Cherry Creek SP	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
White-rumped Sandpiper	6/3		1	Cherry Creek SP	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Laughing Gull	7/20		1a	Jett Lake	Kiowa	first found by Duane Nelson
Great Black-backed Gull	7/21		1a alt	Jett Lake	Kiowa	first found by Duane Nelson
Black Skimmer	7/21		1a alt	Jett Lake	Kiowa	first found by Duane Nelson
Black-billed Cuckoo	7/28		1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Andrew Spencer, Joey Kellner
Least Flycatcher	6/16	6/18	14s	Chatfield State Park	Douglas/ Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Brown Thrasher	7/13	7/15	1	Bar N Ranch Stonewall 8,900 ft.	Las Animas	Uring & Hugh Kingery
Golden-winged Warbler	6/8		1ms	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Black-throated Blue Warbler	7/14		1ms	Bar N Ranch Stonewall 8,900 ft.	Las Animas	Dave Mehlman, Uring & Hugh Kingery
American Redstart	6/4		1f	Meyer Ranch Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
American Redstart	6/16	6/18	12s	Chatfield State Park	Douglas/ Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6/4		1m	Meyer Ranch Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown

Black-billed Cuckoo 1 28 July at Chatfield SP, Jefferson Co. Co-found with Joey Kellner

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The additional reports have not recently been included in the newsletter due to a mental block from this editor. Apologies to all bird watchers, observers and compilers. Do please keep watching, observing and compiling, and we will do the best we can to honor your energies.

Late-breaking fall count news...

The September 8 field trip to Chatfield, led by Joey Kellner, was highly successful and set a record count for the Park. Complete details will be in next month's *Lark Bunting*. This editor can attest to the weather—cold and rainy, but lots of birds. The final count was 108 species. Highlights were the American Golden-Plover, Northern Waterthrush, Common and Black Terns, Peregrine Falcon and Sabine's Gulls.

Few birds surpass the American Golden-Plover for stamina or for sheer flying skill. Less than a foot long and weighing six to nine ounces, they log more than 20,000 miles a year flying from 60 to 100 miles an hour. Southward migration takes them from the Arctic coastal plain across the top of North America to Labrador, Nova Scotia, or Newfoundland. There, they stop to rest. Then the birds take off over the Atlantic. For some 50 hours the birds fly at breakneck speed some 3000 miles non-stop over the waves until they land on the north coast of South America. Once they're rested and fed, the golden-plovers they are off again, over the Amazon jungles for some 2,500 miles ultimately reaching the rich and sunny pampas of Argentina and Paraguay. (Plover information from the Wilderness Society Web Site)



Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: All meetings are at the Denver Zoo, start at 7:30pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May in the Grasslands Room. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. Directions to the Denver Zoo: enter through the main gate; turn right after the security building, walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns. The Grasslands Room is on the first floor and the first set of double doors on the left is the Grasslands studio.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

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DFO Field Trips for November 2001

November 3, Saturday

Roxborough State Park: Leaders Robert and Lea Ann Brown, 303-791-6204. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Roxborough Nature Center. Call leaders or Roxborough State Park for directions. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required. Good trip for novice birdwatchers and new members.

November 4, Sunday

Beginner's Trip to Belmar Historic Park: Leader Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0830 at the Park, 800 South Wadsworth Blvd. Turn west on Ohio Avenue and go two blocks, through Irongate Complex to lake. This trip is for novice birders but all are welcome. Pace will be slow, walking up to two miles on dirt and concrete trails. Call leader for wheelchair accessibility details. Half day trip, bring water and scope, if you have one.

November 10, Saturday

Chatfield State Park: Leader Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet leader at 0700 at the west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth Blvd., 1.5 miles south of C470. Full day trip. Bring lunch. Be prepared to walk about 2 1/2 miles. State Parks Pass required.

November 11, Sunday

South Platte Park: Leader Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0930 in front of the Carson Nature Center. Hopefully, will see migrant ducks and geese. You can visit the Carson Nature Center after the hike which will end at 1130. Lunch is optional, but the porch is front of the Center is beautiful. Dress for the weather. West of Santa Fe on Mineral. Especially good trip for novice birders and new members.

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November Field Trips, continued

November 17, Saturday

Longmont Area: Leaders: Chris Owns and Richard Mendez, 1-303-772-6048. Meet leaders at the Safeway at 0800 on the southeast corner of 17th and Pace. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld Co. Line Road, then 2 miles north to Jim Hamm Park on left (Hygiene Road or 17th Ave.) From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway. Bring lunch and plan to bird until mid-afternoon.

November 18 Sunday

Barr Lake Ramblings: Leader Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader at 0930 at the Barr Lake Nature Center. Trip will include area around Barr Lake, many small ponds, Lockbouié and the Seep. Should see ducks and hawks. Bring lunch and plan to bird until midafternoon. This trip does not involve much walking and would be good for persons with mobility limitations.

November 24, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park: Leaders Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at 0800 at Nature Center, Barr Lake State Park. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

November 24, Saturday

Lower South Platte River Ramblings: Leader Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet leader at South Platte Park at the Carson Nature Center at 0730. The Nature Center is just west of Santa Fe on Mineral. Bring lunch and come ready to look for birds on the lower part of the South Platte River. Three-quarter day trip.

November 25, Sunday

Cherry Creek Reservoir and Nearby Areas: Leader Bob Richter, 303-692-8529. Meet leader at 0800 just inside the west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from S. Yosemite St. on Union Ave. Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

**Scheduled by Jackie King
Compiled by Cris Cook**



The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Boulevard., Denver, CO 80205. The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer and month of December) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

"Birds and Public Health: The Case of West Nile Virus"

Wednesday November 7

Birds, like all other vertebrates, are parasitized by many different types of microorganisms. Some of these bird parasites occasionally come into contact with people, and may be pathogenic to their human hosts. Some well-known zoonotic pathogens of avian origin include *histoplasma capsulatum* (the fungal agent of histoplasmosis), *Chlamydia psittaci* (the bacterial agent of psittacosis) and many others. Several types of viruses may also jump from birds to people, causing public health problems.

Perhaps the most serious of the avian viruses for people are a group of mosquito-borne viruses that are usually innocuous in their natural avian hosts but can cause serious debilitating encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and even death in people.

The most well-known of these viruses, West Nile Virus, recently was introduced into the Western Hemisphere. In 1999, this bird virus made its US debut in New York City, where it caused severe disease in 62 people, killing seven. It has since spread through half the country, infecting people and horses, and killing many thousands of birds as well.



Dr. Nick Komar of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Arbovirus Diseases Branch in Fort Collins will tell the rest of the story Wednesday night, November 7, when he presents "Birds and Public Health: The Case of West Nile Virus."

Classes, Trips and Viewing Opportunities

Visiting South East Arizona? Dieter Kamm, former DFO member, extends an on-going invitation to club members to bird with him if you are visiting the area. He currently lives in Sierra Vista, a popular "base camp" for birders. He can give specific advice on local species/locations and join you for a day of birding if his schedule permits. To contact Dieter call 520.452.8811 or e-mail: aliciakamm@hotmail.com

Birding hotspots of Costa Rica, November 2001

The Kamms are offering another of their outstanding excursions, 11/19-12/3/2001. The trip is limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or call Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas, January 20-26th, 2002

Volunteer Research Associate Norm Lewis will lead a birding trip to the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The trip will be from Jan 20-26, 2002. The trip will visit many of the "hotspots" along the river and adjacent areas, as the group searches for dozens of South Texas specialties. Lodging, motorcoach transportation and some meals are included; travel to and from our base in Brownsville is the responsibility of the individual. The museum will charge a substantial fee for this trip, so serious inquiries only please. For information, call Norm at 303.988.5544, or the Travel Programs Department at 303.370.6304.

Lark Bunting Field Trip Editors and Deadlines

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the various responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

Field Trip/Count Reports

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Upcoming Field Trips

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Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Dianna Johnson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, even taking into account that it is sent via third class mail, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information.

We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip schedule at www.geocities.com/dfobirders.

Rare Bird Alert

Volunteer Needed

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

Norm Erthal will be giving up his duties associated with the Rare Bird Alert no later than March 1, 2002. The DFO is looking for a volunteer who would like to assume the duties of the Rare Bird Alert and help the DFO maintain this key service for both Denver and Colorado. If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Cooley at (303) 798-9010 or at cgcoley@qwest.net.

DFO Field Trip Summaries for September 2001**September 1, Saturday**Red Rocks Park (RED)

Leader: Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Joan and Marty Blumberg, Doris Cruze, Dennis Downing, Peggy Gonder, Bob Hutchinson, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Alberta Nelson, Pat and Barney Poole. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 1 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub Oak, ponderosa pine, open grasslands; elev. 6000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind W, 0-5 mph; temp. 65-80 °F. **Totals:** 26 Species, 122 Individuals.

September 2, SundayLair o' the Bear - Jefferson County Open Space (LAI)

Leader: Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** George Armbrust, John Flavin, Mike Foster, Connie Huyck, Chuck Lowrie, Rich Mendez, Betty Minges, Chris Owens, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, foothills scrub, conifers; elev. 6600'. **Weather:** Sunny to cloudy; wind N, 0-2 mph; temp. 55-78 °F. **Totals:** 35 Species, 278 Individuals.

September 15, SaturdayBarr Lake State Park & Smith Nature Area (BAR)

Leader: Norm Lewis. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Marilyn Brenengen, Warren Finch, John Flavin, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Bob Hutchinson, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, John McDonald, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Karleen Schofield, Carolyn Weichmann, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1530. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, prairie, marsh. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind not noted; temp. 55-70 °F. **Totals:** 156 Species, 1787 Individuals.

September 16, SundayChatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Elisha and Dietre Camm, Dave Miles, Karleen Schofield, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0700-1500. **Distance:** 12.5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, open fields, river; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, wind E-NE, 0-5 mph; temp. 49-73 °F. **Totals:** 49 Species, 502 Individuals.

September 22, SaturdayRoxborough State Park (ROX)

Data to be included in the next Lark Bunting.

September 21, SundayRigli Ranch (RIG)

Data to be included in the next Lark Bunting.

September 29, SaturdayWalden Ponds Wildlife Area - Boulder (WAL)

Leaders: Richard Mendez and Chris Owens. **Observers:** Joan and Marty Blumberg, John Flavin, Mike Fisher, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Jim Perry, Tracy Pheneger. **Time:** 0800-1145. **Distance:** .5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds and riparian areas; elev. 4900'. **Weather:** Clear to cloudy; wind variable, 4-7 mph; temp. 60-80 °F. **Totals:** 43 Species, 824 Individuals.

September Field Trip Summaries, continued**September 30, Sunday****Northeast Colorado Reservoirs (NEC)**

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens, Dick Schottler, Andrew Spencer, Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0500-1800. **Distance:** 372 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, plains. **Weather:** Clear; wind Variable, 0-15 mph; temp. 51-75 °F. **Totals:** 108 Species, 13,030 Individuals.

DFO Fall Count for September 2001**September 6, Thursday****Cherry Creek State Park (CCR)**

Leader: Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Jean and John Alden, Dennis Downing, Beverlee Guild, Peggy Hankins, Jim Perry, Karleen Schofield, Sue Schulman, Carolyn Weichman. **Time:** 0645-1400. **Distance:** 14 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grassland, urban park. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind W, 0-5 mph; temp. 68-86 °F. **Totals:** 53 Species, 824 Individuals.

September, Friday**Lower Bear Creek (LBC)**

Leader: Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Geri and Monty Adams, Patty Echelmeyer, Peggy Hankins. **Time:** 0715-1545. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, residential greenbelt, urban, reservoir. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind W, 0-10 mph; temp. Not noted °F. **Totals:** 57 Species, 1187 Individuals.

September 8, Saturday**Barr Lake State Park (BAR)**

Leader: Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Bob Righter, Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0630-1500. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir with associated riparian, fields and plains. **Weather:** Overcast, rainy and windy, fog on lake; wind N, 5-20 mph; temp. 35-45 °F. **Totals:** 51 Species, 951 Individuals.

September 8, Saturday**Chatfield State Park (CHA)**

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Tim Davis, JB Hayes, Veronica Holt, Ed Holub, Randy Lentz, Andrew Spencer, Steve Stachowiak. **Time:** 0600-1915. **Distance:** 33 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, cattail marsh, field, river. **Weather:** Moderately rainy and cloudy to partly cloudy; temp. 36-47°F. **Totals:** 108 Species, 1478 Individuals.

September 10, Sunday**Castlewood Canyon State Park (CSP)**

Leaders: Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Bob and Carol Rohwedder. **Time:** 0600-1600. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, riparian, grassland. **Weather:** Clear; wind SW, 0-8 mph; temp. 30-74 °F. **Totals:** 47 Species, 378 Individuals

September 10, Sunday**Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)**

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0630-1430. **Distance:** 92 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains. **Weather:** Clear; wind NW, 5-10 mph; temp. 45-75 °F. **Totals:** 58 Species, 4708 Individuals.

September Field Trip Summaries, continued**September 9, Sunday**

Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) Data to be included in the next Lark Bunting.

September 11, Tuesday

Waterton Canyon (WAT) Data to be included in the next Lark Bunting.

Tuesday Birders**September 4, Tuesday**

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 27. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot.

Habitat: Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind W, 0-5 mph; temp. 65-82 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 194 Individuals.

September 11, Tuesday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 28. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1 miles on foot.

Habitat: Prairie, reservoir, cottonwood, willow, agricultural; elev. 5100'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind SW, 0-10 mph; temp. 70-87 °F. **Totals:** 27 Species, 845 Individuals.

September 18, Tuesday

Los Lagos (LOL)

Leaders: Ann Bonnell and Judy Miller. **Observers:** 18. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, Ponderosa & Lodgepole Pine; elev. 8600'. **Weather:**

Partly cloudy; wind NW, 5-15 mph; temp. 50-53 °F. **Totals:** 17 Species, 169 Individuals.

September 25, Tuesday

Conifer, Kenosha Pass to Colorado Trail (CON)

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 13. **Time:** 0930-1300. **Distance:** 1 miles by car, 4 miles on foot.

Habitat: ponds, Ponderosa Pine, Spruce, Douglas Fir, Aspen woodlands & grassy meadows; elev. 10,400'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind SW, 0-8 mph; temp. 67-74 °F. **Totals:** 9 Species, 72 Individuals.

Monna Krebs, Compiler

Field Trip Summary Table, September 2001

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS						TUESDAY BIRDERS				DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT						TOTAL
	1	2	15	16	29	30	4	11	18	25	6	7	8	8	9	9	
	RED	LA	BAR	CHA	WAL	COL	CHA	BAR	LOL	CON	CCR	LBC	BAR	CHA	CSP	BLP	
Common Loon						1					y						1
Pied-billed Grebe					1						1	5		1			8
Horned Grebe												1					1
Eared Grebe						17											17
Western Grebe			100	8		110	19				207		6	23		5	478
Clark's Grebe											1			1			2
American White Pelican			30			7500		24			1	7	22			1	7506
Double-crested Cormorant			25	39	2	34		70	11		33	29	40	19		14	316
Great Blue Heron			8	1	3	38	5	7			22	13	16	9		4	126
Snowy Egret			1					1				2					4
Black-crowned Night-Heron											3			9			12
Turkey Vulture			2		1		2					5		1	30		41
Canada Goose			200	62	141	280	75	550			62	123	32	101		345	1971
Wood Duck				2		2						2		3			9
Gadwall			1			26						12		44		10	93
American Wigeon			9		43	117						14		10			193
Mallard			200	10	99	250				5	115	129	1	17		100	926
Blue-winged Teal					5	77								28		130	240
Cinnamon Teal														1		10	11
teal sp.											1	73					74
Northern Shoveler					3	151								13			167
Northern Pintail						32											32
Green-winged Teal					4	110							20	30			164
Canvasback			1			4											5
Redhead						5						70					75
Ring-necked Duck					1	7			3								11
Hooded Merganser												2					2
Common Merganser				25							2	4		35			66
Ruddy Duck						430						2				10	442
Osprey				2		1								1		1	5
Bald Eagle			1			1		1						1			4
Northern Harrier					3		1	1			2		1			6	14
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1				5		1	1					1			9
Cooper's Hawk												1		1			2
Swainson's Hawk	1		80			1		2			2	2	1		1	21	111
Red-tailed Hawk		2	3		2	77			1		1	2	1	3	2	8	102
western races					(2)								(1)				(3)
Ferruginous Hawk						1											1
American Kestrel	9		6		2	5					3	4	3	1	3	5	41
Peregrine Falcon														1			1
Prairie Falcon						1									2	4	7
Ring-necked Pheasant			1			1											2
Virginia Rail						3					1			3			7
Sora											1						1
American Coot				6		206				30	2	16	2	7			209

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	1	2	15	16	29	30	4	11	18	25	6	7	8	8	9	9	
	RED	LAI	BAR	CHA	WAL	OOL	CHA	BAR	LCL	CON	OCR	LBC	BAR	CHA	CSP	BLP	
Black-bellied Plover						5								2			7
American Golden-Plover						3								1			4
Semipalmated Plover						3							1				4
Killdeer			11	3	21	400	16				7	23	18	51	2	24	576
American Avocet						60										1	61
Greater Yellowlegs					3	70							1				74
Lesser Yellowlegs			1		1	32							16	42			92
Solitary Sandpiper																1	1
Spotted Sandpiper				2	2	1					2	2		17			26
Long-billed Curlew						1											1
Ruddy Turnstone						1											1
Sanderling						41											41
Semipalmated Sandpiper					2	1								18			21
Western Sandpiper						10						8					18
Least Sandpiper						87								15			102
Baird's Sandpiper				6		650					5	6	45	160		1	873
Pectoral Sandpiper						45								3			48
Silt Sandpiper						15							1				16
Short-billed Dowitcher						1c											1
Long-billed Dowitcher						150											150
Common Snipe			2		4	1					7			2			16
Wilson's Phalarope						3								1		7	11
Red-necked Phalarope						9								1			10
Franklin's Gull			12	1	1	450							65	44		200	773
Ring-billed Gull			400	42	13	225	5	100			63	147	250	10		320	1575
California Gull				16		30					8	8	30	10			102
Herring Gull						3		1									4
Sabine's Gull				11		5								2			7
Common Tern				7										2			9
Forster's Tern														1			1
Black Tern						2	8						1	2			13
Rock Dove	36		250		8	10					1	49	4	2		670	1030
Mourning Dove	2		40	9		19	2	8			12	8	28	36	8	160	332
Great Horned Owl					1	2	1						2		2		8
Burrowing Owl																2	2
Common Nighthawk														1			1
Common Poorwill															1		1
White-throated Swift	6																6
Black-chinned Hummingbird														4			4
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1	8												3	6		18
Rufous Hummingbird		1															1
Belted Kingfisher		2	4	4	7	1	2		2		4	3	1	11		1	42
Red-naped Sapsucker						1f											1
Downy Woodpecker	2	3	8	2	2	4	1	2			1	3	1	2		1	32
"Rocky Mountain" race	(2)																(2)
"eastern" race						(4)								(2)			(6)
Hairy Woodpecker					1	2			1	1			1		1		7
"eastern" race						(2)											(2)
Northern Flicker	1	4	6	3	11	41	2		3	1	3	21	5	25	6	1	133
"Yellow-shafted" race						(15)											(15)
"Red-shafted" race	(1)	(4)		(3)	(11)	(26)					(3)	(21)	(5)	(25)	(6)		(105)
Olive-sided Flycatcher														1			1
Western Wood-Pewee	1			2			1				2	2	2	27		4	41

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	RED	LAI	BAR	CHA	WAL	COL	CHA	BAR	LOL	CON	CCR	LBC	BAR	CHA	CSP	BLP	
Willow Flycatcher			1				1							2			4
Dusky Flycatcher														3			3
Cordilleran Flycatcher			1											1			2
Empidonax sp.		1		2								2			1		6
Say's Phoebe	4			1								1					6
Western Kingbird			4	5				4			15	4	3	5		6	46
Eastern Kingbird											1	1					2
Loggerhead Shrike						1										1	2
Plumbeous Vireo		2					1	1							6		9
Cassin's Vireo			3														3
Warbling Vireo								1					3	1	1		6
Gray Jay										1							1
Steller's Jay		7							6						8		21
Blue Jay			3	4	12	58	2					3	2	2		3	89
Western Scrub Jay	11														5		16
Clark's Nutcracker										1							1
Black-billed Magpie	6		11	40	18	14	5				29	29	13	63	27	37	298
American Crow	4	1		3	2	3				2	5	37		8	3	4	72
Common Raven	2																2
Horned Lark						1								13		2	16
Tree Swallow												24		44			68
Violet-green Swallow	2	8											1	89			100
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		2															2
Cliff Swallow																50	54
Barn Swallow		5	3	8	3	30					31	2	50	71		85	268
Black-capped Chickadee	4	3	21	23	2	3	14	7	1		26	8	18	32	15	4	181
Mountain Chickadee		3							4	20					12		39
Red-breasted Nuthatch							2				2	2					6
White-breasted Nuthatch				1					1					3	5		10
Brown Creeper											1	1			1		3
Flicker			1											1	3		5
Canyon Wren	2														1		3
House Wren		6	1			4	1	3					4	9	4	1	33
American Dipper		1															1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		2	3		1	1			2								9
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2		1	9			1				1			3	14		31
Western Bluebird															2		2
Mountain Bluebird									60					4	3		67
Townsend's Solitaire		1													4		5
Swainson's Thrush															1		1
American Robin	3	82	30	2	54	83	7		12		2	1	9	8	13	24	330
Gray Catbird		3		2							1			12		1	19
Sage Thrasher														8			8
Brown Thrasher													1				1
European Starling			200	40	144	60	6	25			6	96	130	55	35	1300	2097
American Pipit						20											20
Cedar Waxwing		17	7			9									6		39
Tennessee Warbler						1											1
Orange-crowned Warbler			4	1		35		1					1	2	1		45
Virginia's Warbler		9															9
Yellow Warbler		1		2		1	1				4			3		1	13

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Yellow-rumped Warbler "Myrtle" race "Audubon's" race			9	8	27	64			5					1			114 (34) (41)
Townsend's Warbler		4	9					5					6	4	5		33
American Redstart														1			1
Ovenbird			1														1
Northern Waterthrush														1			1
MacGillivray's Warbler		2	1					2						2			7
Common Yellowthroat			1	3		1	2	1						5			13
Wilson's Warbler		7	20	7		1	1	23			1	2	6	10	4	2	84
Yellow-breasted Chat	1													1			2
Western Tanager		3	1	1		1	1							1	1		9
Green-tailed Towhee	2		2										1	2	2		9
Spotted Towhee	7	4		2										6	28		47
Chipping Sparrow		5	25		2	6		1			2		17	14	25	20	117
Clay-colored Sparrow						1							1	7		4	13
Brewer's Sparrow														2			2
spizella sp.						40											40
Vesper Sparrow	6			8		80						13		11	22	8	148
Lark Sparrow						5								4		1	10
Lark Bunting														1		1	2
Savannah Sparrow				5		2								5			12
Song Sparrow		7		3	1	2	1	2			4	1		9	6	1	37
Lincoln's Sparrow						7								7	1		15
White-crowned Sparrow					1	7		1						2			11
Dark-eyed Junco "Pink-sided" race						1			51	11							63 (2)
Northern Cardinal						1m											1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak						2											2
Black-headed Grosbeak		4													1		5
Lazuli Bunting		6					1							3			10
Red-winged Blackbird				14	26	350					53	45	50			360	898
Western Meadowlark			4	17	4	90	3				3		6	7		60	194
Yellow-headed Blackbird						1										200	201
Brewer's Blackbird						3					19	24		47			93
Common Grackle			5		120	70					9					10	214
Great-tailed Grackle																100	100
Bullock's Oriole												1		1			2
House Finch	4	8	7	3	23	10					3	62		5	7	50	182
Pine Siskin						3			5								8
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race "Black-backed" race	2	53 (53)					2							13 (11) (2)	38		108 (64) (4)
American Goldfinch	1		4	8		25	2				11	1		2	3		57
House Sparrow			2	21		50	1				20	29	10			325	458
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	122	278	1787	502	824	13030	194	845	169	72	824	1187	951	1478	378	4708	27,349
TOTAL SPECIES	26	35	56	49	43	108	33	27	17	9	53	57	51	108	47	58	180

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Additional Reports

Species	Dates	# Seen	Location	County	Observers
Green Heron	9/5	1	Rock Canyon, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Northern Goshawk	9/29	1i	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	Joey Kellner
Merlin	9/15	1	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Broad-winged Hawk	9/20	1j	Arkansas River Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival, BB Hahn, Leon Bright
Broad-winged Hawk	9/20	1i	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	Andrew Spencer
Broad-winged Hawk	9/29	1j	Joey Kellner's house	Jefferson	Andrew Spencer
Peregrine Falcon	9/27	1i	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	Kathleen Schofield
Piping Plover	9/9	1	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	Glenn Walbek, Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Red Knot	9/16	1a	Lake at Holbrook	Otero	Brandon K. Percival & Mark Janos
Red-necked phalarope	9/4	6	CR42 W or CR 47	Weld	Kathleen Schofield and Warren Finch
Laughing Gull	9/9	1a	Prewitt Res.	Washington	Andrew Spencer, seen by Nathan Pieplow
Herring Gull (early date)	9/15	1a	Arkansas River Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival, Mark Janos
Sabine's Gull	9/4 & 8	1j	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Sabine's Gull	9/4	2j	Loloff Res.	Weld	Kathleen Schofield & Warren Finch
Sabine's Gull	9/9	1j	Orlando Res.	Huerfano	David Silverman, Dave Johnson, Brandon K. Percival
Sabine's Gull	9/9	3i	Jumbo Res.	Washington	Andrew Spencer, Nathan Pieplow
Sabine's Gull	9/14	3j	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	Kathleen Schofield and Alicia and Dieter Kamm
Sabine's Gull	9/15	1i	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Sabine's Gull	9/16	1j	Lake at Holbrook	Otero	Mark Janos, Brandon K. Percival
Sabine's Gull	9/29	1i	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	Andrew Spencer
Sabine's Gull	9/29	1j	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Common Tern	9/16	1	Lake at Meridith	Crowley	Mark Janos, Brandon K. Percival
Common Tern	9/22	2i	Chatfield SP	Douglas	Bob Brown
Eurasian Collared-Dove	9/16	1	La Junta	Otero	Mark Janos, Brandon K. Percival
Black-billed Cuckoo	9/20	1	Chatfield SP	Douglas	found by Dan Derbyshire, seen by Andrew Spencer
Calliope Hummingbird	9/9	1f	Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Calliope Hummingbird	9/24	1f	Goodnight River Trail Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Williamson's Sapsucker	9/10	1m	Valco Ponds Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival--rare on the plains
Williamson's Sapsucker	9/15 & 17	1m	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival & Mark Janos--rare on the plains
Least Flycatcher	9/19	1	Arkansas River Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival, David Silverman
Cassin's Vireo	9/2	1	Crow Valley Cmpgrnd	Weld	Bob Brown
Blue-headed Vireo	9/9	1	Prewitt Res.	Washington	Andrew Spencer
Blue-headed Vireo	9/15	1	Valco Ponds Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival, Mark Janos
Philadelphia Vireo	9/24	1	Goodnight River Trail Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Red-eyed Vireo	9/23	1	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Mark Janos, Brandon K. Percival
Red-eyed Vireo	9/30	1	Hasty Cmpgrnd	Bent	Brandon K. Percival & Mark Janos
Western Scrub Jay	9/21	1	Hack Ranch near 10,000 ft.	Park	Kathy Hawkins, Carol and Fern Hack
Golden-winged Warbler	9/3	1f	Barr Lake SP	Adams	Bob Brown mob
Tennessee Warbler	9/2	1	Crow Valley Cmpgrnd	Weld	Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Tennessee Warbler	9/22	1af	Fort Lyon WE	Bent	found by Andrew Spencer, seen by N. Pieplow

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Nashville Warbler	9/3	1	Barr Lake SP	Adams	Bob Brown mob
Nashville Warbler eastern	9/4	1	Valco Ponds Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Nashville Warbler western	9/20	1i	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	Andrew Spencer
Nashville Warbler western	9/21	1	Arkansas Riv. Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival & Mark Janos
Nashville Warbler eastern	9/22	1if	Lamar CC	Prowers	found by Andrew Spencer, seen by N. Pieplow & R. Yuen
Nashville Warbler eastern	9/30	1	Hasty Cmpgnd	Bent	Brandon K. Percival & Mark Janos
Northern Parula	9/17 & 20	1st fall	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival, David Silverman
Black-throated Blue Warbler	9/15	1if	Last Chance	Washington	found by Andrew Spencer, seen by Nathan Pieplow
Black-throated Blue Warbler	9/17	1m	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Townsend's Warbler	9/2	2	Crow Valley Cmpgnd	Weld	Bob Brown
Blackburnian Warbler	9/9	1i	Prewitt Res.	Washington	Nathan Pieplow
Blackburnian Warbler	9/18-21	1 1st fall	Arkansas River Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival, Se Etta Moss, BB Hahn, Leon Bright
Pine Warbler	9/22	1am	Lamar Cemetery	Prowers	found by Andrew Spencer, seen by N. Pieplow & R. Yuen
Prairie Warbler	9/2	1	Crow Valley Cmpgnd	Weld	Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Bay-breasted Warbler	9/7-9	1am fall	Colorado City	Pueblo	David Silverman, Dave Johnson, Brandon K. Percival
Bay-breasted Warbler	9/19	1st fall	Arkansas River Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival, David Silverman, Se Etta Moss
Blackpoll Warbler	9/9	1im	Prewitt Res.	Washington	found by Andrew Spencer, seen by Nathan Pieplow
Blackpoll Warbler	9/15	1im	Prewitt Res.	Washington	found by Nathan Pieplow, seen by Andrew Spencer
Blackpoll Warbler	9/25	1 1st fall	Belmar Park Lakewood	Jefferson	Kathleen Schofield
Blackpoll Warbler	9/4	1i	Valco Ponds Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Blackpoll Warbler	9/10	1i	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Blackpoll Warbler	9/14	1i	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Blackpoll Warbler	9/23	1i	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Black-and-white Warbler	9/5 & 7	1i	Rock Canyon Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Black-and-white Warbler	9/15	1i	Olive Marsh Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
American Redstart	9/14	1i	Olive Marsh Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Worm-eating Warbler	9/9	1	Prewitt Res.	Washington	Andrew Spencer
Ovenbird	9/5	1	Rock Canyon Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Ovenbird	9/14	1	Arkansas Riv. Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Ovenbird	9/15	1	Prewitt Res.	Washington	found by Andrew Spencer, seen by Nathan Pieplow & Norm Erthal
Ovenbird	9/16	1	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	found by Dan Derbyshire, seen by many
Northern Waterthrush	9/5	1	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Connecticut Warbler	9/1	1i fall	Prewitt Res. SWA	Washington	co-found by Andrew Spencer, J. Kellner and D. Schottler
Canada Warbler	9/3	1i	Barr Lake SP	Adams	Bob Brown mob
Scarlet Tanager	9/7	1a basic	Valco Ponds Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Scarlet Tanager	9/16	1a basic	Chatfield SP	Jefferson/Douglas	Andrew Spencer
Scarlet Tanager	9/16	1i	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival, David Silverman
White-throated Sparrow	9/28-29	1a	Valco Ponds Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9/14-15	1-2m	Olive Marsh Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9/24	2m	Goonight River Trail Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival
Bobolink	9/25	1 fall	Belmar Park Lakewood	Jefferson	Kathleen Schofield
Baltimore Oriole	9/4	1 1st fall	Valco Ponds Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon K. Percival

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DFO Educational Endowment Fund Grants

The Denver Field Ornithologists has a limited amount of funding available annually to award to individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. For 2002, the DFO will be able to allocate up to \$1000. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants. We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

Guidelines for applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and received by the DFO Board by January 31 2002.
2. Describe in detail the project(s) and level of funding requested.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants to be awarded will be announced in May 2002.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.

Application form is to be returned to DFO President, Carolyn Cooley, 941 W. Kettle Ave., Littleton, CO 80120.

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(Fill in and attach additional information if necessary. All applications must be postmarked by January 31 2002.)

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Phone (w):	Phone (h):		
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Description of Project:			
Anticipated Starting and Completion Dates:			
Amount of Funding Requested:			
Details of How Funds will be Used:			
Other Information for the DFO Board's Consideration:			
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DFO Field Trips for December 2001

December 1, Saturday

Red Rocks Park (RED)

Leader: Karleen Schofield 303-936-8661

Meet leader at 0830 at Trading Post parking lot inside park. Will walk 2-3 miles. Half day trip.

December 2, Sunday

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WHE)

Leader: Doris Cruze 303-798-8072

Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Lake parking lot (south of W. 44th Ave, just east of Robb St. in Wheat Ridge). Half day trip.

December 9th and 10th, Saturday and Sunday

Christmas pre-count trips are scheduled by the Christmas Count area leaders. Please contact the area leader for details and times. (More information on pages 5 and 6.)

December 15, Saturday

Denver Christmas Count

Contact Dick Schottler 303-278-8035 or refer to the Christmas Count information in this issue on page 5.

December 16,22,23,29 & 30

Other Christmas Counts see page 5.

January 1, 2002 Tuesday—Denver Urban Count

Contact Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723 or refer to Urban Count information in this issue on page 6.

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"The Ecology and Evolution of Brood Parasitism."

**Wednesday January 2 2002 feature meeting
presents John Prather, Ph.D.**

Dr. Prather will present an overview of brood parasitism and brood parasites with information on types of brood parasites, the origin of brood parasitic behavior, and why brood parasites are successful. There will be some discussion on the negative effects of brood parasitism but the overall focus of the talk will explain brood parasites and why parasitism is a good evolutionary state.



Prather's post-doctoral research included coordination of a large-scale study of the distribution and breeding biology of birds in public open space areas of Boulder County, Colorado. He provided oversight of teams of undergraduate researchers involved in searching for and monitoring bird nests and measuring vegetation characteristics at nest sites. GIS analysis of landscape level patterns of bird distribution, abundance, and breeding success. For more information about Dr. Prather's experience, go to <http://spot.colorado.edu/~prather/>

Classes, Trips and Viewing Opportunities

Visiting South East Arizona? Dieter Kamm, former DFO member, extends an on-going invitation to club members to bird with him if you are visiting the area. He currently lives in Sierra Vista, a popular "base camp" for birders. He can give specific advice on local species/locations and join you for a day of birding if his schedule permits. To contact Dieter call 520.452.8811 or e-mail: aliciakamm@hotmail.com

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas, January 20-26th, 2002

Volunteer Research Associate Norm Lewis will lead a birding trip to the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The trip will be from Jan 20-26, 2002. The trip will visit many of the "hotspots" along the river and adjacent areas, as the group searches for dozens of South Texas specialties. Lodging, motorcoach transportation and some meals are included; travel to and from our base in Brownsville is the responsibility of the individual. The museum will charge a substantial fee for this trip, so serious inquiries only please. For information, call Norm at 303.988.5544, or the Travel Programs Department at 303.370.6304.

Birding hotspots of Costa Rica, Spring 2002

The Kamms are offering another of their outstanding excursions, March 25 to April 8, 2002. The trip is limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811 (e-mail: aliciakamm@hotmail.com), or call Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

Lark Bunting Field Trip Editors and Deadlines

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the various responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

Field Trip/Count Reports

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Additional Reports

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Announcements

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Upcoming Field Trips

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcisys.net

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Dianna Johnson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, even taking into account that it is sent via third class mail, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip schedule at www.geocities.com/dfobirders.



In Memory

Shelby Nordheim: 1922-2001 For over 20 years DFO members have been welcomed by the Nordheim's at their home in Dear Creek Canyon. There were always a variety of birds to watch at the patio feeders while we ate our lunch. Shelby loved wildlife and was eager to learn about birds. He was buried with honors at Ft. Logan on Oct. 15 2001. His wife Evelyne will continue to feed birds and welcome us to their home. Cards may be sent to Evelyne Nordheim 12424 Buckhorn Rd. Littleton 80127.

Roberta "Bobbie" Ausfahl died in October. She had been a DFO member since 1963. A very dependable team leader for the last 20 years, she helped Mary Jane Schock and Bob Spencer with Spring, Fall and Christmas counts in the lower Bear Creek area. Cards may be sent to her husband, Elmer Ausfahl, 5985 South Logan, Littleton, Co 80121.

48th Denver Christmas Count, Saturday December 15

Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler 303-278-8035, birdschot@uswest.net
 Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer 303-233-4947 and Tina Jones 303-794-2647
 Compilation meeting: 5:00pm at Wild Birds Unlimited, 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

All DFO members are encouraged to participate in the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists and the National Audubon Society. To participate, call one of the Area Leaders listed below to assist in a particular area, or call the Count Leader if you would like to help in an area that still needs additional observers. As can be seen on the list, there are still a few areas that do not have leaders and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help out. If you would be willing to lead in one of these areas, please call the Count Leader as soon as possible. After a day in the field, all participants are invited to attend the short compilation meeting hosted again this year by Sandy and Scott Menough at Wild Birds Unlimited to warm up, chat with other birders, and find out how the count fared. It is a lot of fun.

Fees: Each observer over the age of 18 must pay a \$5.00 fee to participate in the Denver CBC. This fee, required by National Audubon, is used to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all official CBC's in a special issue of American Birds. Participants should pay the \$5.00 fee to their Area Leader before taking part in the Count. Checks must be made payable to National Audubon Society, not to DFO.

Pre-counts: Area Leaders are encouraged to conduct pre-counts in their areas, particularly if unfamiliar with the area. Since days and times of pre-counts will vary, contact an Area Leader if you wish to assist on a pre-count in a particular area. There is no fee for participating in a pre-count. Area locations and names and phone numbers of Area Leaders are listed below. Participants should contact Area Leaders for meeting times and places on Count day, Saturday, December 15.

1	Red Rocks Park	Bob Brown	303-791-6204
2	Lower Bear Creek	Tamie Bulow	303-462-1238
2A	Bear Creek Lake Park	Kathy Hawkins	303-969-8909
3	Bow Mar/Marston	(leader needed)	
4A	Lower South Platte - East	Ed Holub	303-979-2194
4B	Lower South Platte - West	Warren Finch	303-233-3372
5	Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver	303-936-6902
6	Plum Creek	Norm Erthal	303-424-6747
7A	Middle South Platte - West	Randy Lentz	303-680-3381
7B	Middle South Platte - East	Hugh Kingery	303-814-2723
8	Chatfield State Park	Joey Kellner	303-978-1748
9	Upper South Platte	Carolyn Cooley	303-798-9010 (advise Carolyn by Wed. 12)
10	Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson	303-757-7000
11	Upper Deer Creek	(leader needed)	
12	Yegge Peak	Ann Bonnell	303-979-6211
13	Doublehead Mountain	Frances Sperl	303-426-4267
14	North Turkey Creek	Dick Schottler	303-278-8035
15	Indian Hills	Sherman Wing	303-697-8840
16	Upper Bear Creek	(leader needed)	
17	Ken Caryl Ranch	Toni Rautus	303-422-7322
18	Garrison Gate	Chuck Aid	303-329-0082
19	Morrison/Willowbrook	Jackie King	303-287-1644
20	Willow Creek	(leader needed)	
21	Mount Lindo/Willow Springs	Karleen Schofield	303-936-8661

Urban Denver Christmas Count, January 1 2002

Start the New Year with a half-day or whole day effort—there's no better way to kick off your 2002 Year List!

The Urban Christmas County range covers Platte River from North City limits to Mississippi, west to Buckley Field and Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

After the Count at 5:00 p.m., come join us for a Pot Luck at Casey Davenport's, 415 South High (5 blocks west of University, about 2 blocks south of Alameda). Please call Casey or Jeff (303-744-0613) so we can count you in on the chili pot, Urling's brownies, and Casey & Jeff's hospitality.

Count Leader: Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

1	South Platte (south)	Doris Cruze	303-798-8072
2	South Platte (north)	Dick Schottler	303-278-8035
3	Rocky Mtn Arsenal	Urling Kingery	303-814-2723
4	Commerce City/Montbello	Jackie King	303-287-1644
5	Sand Creek/Tollgate Creek, Bluff L., Aurora, Buckley Field	Buzz Schaumberg ,	303-699-1721
		and Randy Lentz	303-680-3381
7	Cherry Creek Reservoir	J. B. Hayes	303-798-9683
8	Kent School, S/Hampden	Lynn Willcockson	303-757-7000
9	SE Denver, N/Hampden	Walt Hackney	303-935-4722
10	Cherry Ck dam to Den. Country Club	Paul Slingsby	303-422-3728
11	Fairmont, Lowry Field	Tuesday Birders	303-979-6211
13	City Park/Park Hill	Karleen Schofield	303-936-8661
14	Denver Zoo	Brad Parks	303-376-4884/publicprog@denverzoo.org
15	Wash Park/Denver Country Club; Cherry Creek to Confluence; DU; & Greater Glendale	Casey Davenport	303-744-0613
16	Feeders	Liz Kreider	303-333-8015
		Karen von Saltza	303-368-9961

DFO Field Trip Summaries for October 2001**October 6, Saturday**Lyons Area (LYO)

Leader: Raymond Davis. **Observers:** Irene Blumberg, Marty Blumberg, Sharon Dooley, John Flavin, Beverlee Guild, Peggy Gonder, Bob Hutchinson, Pat Joy, Ed Joy, Myron Plooster, Mary Stallings, Roni Wilson, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0845-1200. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills riparian, ponderosa pine; elev. 6000'. **Weather:** Brisk to calm; wind calm; temp. 40-65 °F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 354 Individuals.

October 7, SundayAsh Hollow State Park, Nebraska (ASH)

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Helen Standish. **Time:** 0700-1700. **Distance:** 490 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains; elev. 4250'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind NW, 5-10 mph; temp. 48-80 °F. **Totals:** 54 Species, 2763 Individuals.

October 13, SaturdayChatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Ed Holub. **Observers:** Gail Evans, Mike Foster, Beverlee Guild, Randy Lentz, Karleen Schofield, Alison Shapiro, Arturo Sazo, Lance Zant, Laurie Zant. **Time:** 0730-1330. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake and river riparian; elev. 5400'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind W, 0-30 mph; temp. 39-54 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 579 Individuals.

October 14, SundayBarr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Bob Hutchinson, Chuck Lowrie, Bob Rohwedder. **Time:** 0745-1230. **Distance:** 1 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Sunny, wind NW, 8-12 mph; temp. 40-60 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 724 Individuals.

October 20, SaturdayCherry Creek State Park (CCR)

Leader: Loch Kilpatrick. **Observers:** Joan and Marty Blumberg, Warren Finch, Jean and Cal Frazier, Beverlee Guild, Steve Kennedy, Phyllis Palmer, Patrick Ryan, Lynn Shanks. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, shore, brush. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to sunny; wind SE, 2 mph; temp. 54-70. **Totals:** 39 species, 431 individuals.

October 21, SundayWalden Ponds (WAL)

Leader: Gregg Goodrich. **Observers:** Debbie Carstensen, Jim Ficher, John Flavin, Bob Hutchison, Chuck Lowrie, Bob Rohwedder, Lynn Shanks, Bob Wing, Ru Wing, Linda Wittekind, Rick Wittekind, Warren D. Wittekind. **Time:** 0800-1100. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Old gravel ponds with surrounding trees, brush and marsh. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind 1 mph; temp. not noted. **Totals:** 31 species, 407 individuals.

October 27, SaturdaySouth Platte Park and Carson Nature Center (SPP)

Leader: Sue Schulman. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Joan and Marty Blumberg, Jill Boice, Barbara Brown, Warren Finch, Beverlee Guild, Bob Hutchinson, Scot Latona, Bob Rohwedder. **Time:** 0800-1215. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, ponds, Platte River, riparian. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind SW, 2-5 mph; temp. 61-72 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 208 Individuals.

DFO Field Trip Summaries for October 2001, continued**October 28, Sunday**Englewood - Highline Canal Trail (ENG)

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Les and Barb Brown, Fran Campbell, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Bob Hutchinson, Sam and Phyllis Palmer, Tom Reilly, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800-1200

Distance: 4 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mixed open space and residential, marsh, ponds and woodland. **Weather:** Mostly clear; wind variable, 0-10 mph; temp. 35-70 °F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 1280 Individuals.

Tuesday Birders**October 2, Tuesday**Upper White Ranch (UWR)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 28. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa Pine, woodlands & mixed grassy meadows; elev. 5675-7650'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy; wind W, 0-12 mph; temp. 70-75 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 94 Individuals.

October 9, TuesdayMount Falcon (MTF)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, Ponderosa Pine, Juniper & open meadows; elev. 7750-7859'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind NW, 0-10 mph; temp. 55-58 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 112 Individuals.

October 16, TuesdayEvergreen Lake, Elk Meadow Open Space (EVG)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 19. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir, some scrub oak; elev. 8000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind NW, 0-10 mph; temp. 38-61 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 206 Individuals.

October 23, TuesdayChatfield Nature Preserve (CNP)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, pond, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper & open fields; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind NW, 0-35 mph; temp. 65-70 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 230 Individuals.

October 30, TuesdayChatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 40. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, .25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow & open grassy areas; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind NS-S, 0-15 mph; temp. 58-70 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 536 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

Field Trip Summary Table, October 2001

SPECIES DATE LOCATION									TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	6	7	13	14	20	21	27	28	2	9	16	23	30	
	LYO	ASH	CHA	BAR	CCR	WAL	ENG	SPP	UMR	MTF	EVG	CNP	CHA	
Pacific Loon					1									1
Common Loon					2								1	3
Pied-billed Grebe		2		1		2		6					1	12
Horned Grebe													8	8
Eared Grebe				8	18								7	33
Western Grebe		40	3	12	56			4					200	315
Clark's Grebe		5			2									7
American White Pelican		1	2	26	13								6	48
Double-crested Cormorant		10	50		25									85
Great Blue Heron	1	3	3	1	6	1		4				1	2	22
Black-crowned Night-Heron								2						2
Turkey Vulture	1													1
Canada Goose		340	110	200	22	60	9	100			20		36	897
Wood Duck			1				11	10				1		23
Godwit			135	5		2	1	20					2	165
American Wigeon				2		80		170			24			276
Mallard		35	20	100	21	35	12	60			7	4	6	300
Blue-winged Teal						2								2
Northern Shoveler		2		3		1		10						16
Northern Pintail				6		2		1						9
Green-winged Teal		35	8	12		2		18						75
Redhead								60						60
Ring-necked Duck			4			25		80			2			111
Lesser Scaup								1			1	1		3
Bufflehead								5			1			6
Common Merganser			35					2					50	87
Ruddy Duck					2									2
Bald Eagle				1				2						3
Northern Harrier		6	1	3	3	5						1		19
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1							1				3
Cooper's Hawk	3					1								4
Swainson's Hawk		1												1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	39	1	3	2	3	1	3	4	2		2	2	63
western races							(1)							(1)
"Harlan's" race						(1)								(1)
Ferruginous Hawk		4											1	5
Rough-legged Hawk		1												1
Golden Eagle		1												1
American Kestrel	1	5		2	1	1	1					1		12
Merlin								1						1
Prairie Falcon		3												3
Ring-necked Pheasant				1										1
Blue Grouse											1			1
American Coot			16	12	32									60

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Sandhill Crane		2		1				300						303
Killdeer		65	22		1	9		6						103
Greater Yellowlegs				1		7								8
Baird's Sandpiper				3										3
Long-billed Dowitcher				18										18
Common Snipe											1	1		2
Wilson's Phalarope		65												65
Franklin's Gull		150		30	2									182
Bonaparte's Gull													2	2
Ring-billed Gull		590	40	150	35	60		10				2	140	1027
California Gull		2	5		8									15
Herring Gull			1	3	1								4	9
Sabine's Gull			1											1
Common Tern			1											1
Forster's Tern			1											1
Rock Dove	20	55	5				4			2		2		88
Mourning Dove	2	28										4	1	35
Belted Kingfisher			3		1	4	1	2				2	1	14
Lewis's Woodpecker	1													1
Downy Woodpecker	3		1	1						2				7
"Rocky Mountain" race	(3)													(3)
Hairy Woodpecker											1			1
Northern Flicker	2	6	5	8	4	4	9	6		2	3	9	5	63
"Red-shafted" race	(2)	(6)	(5)		(4)		(9)	(6)						(32)
Northern Shrike		1												1
Bell's Vireo		1												1
Stellar's Jay	8								5	10	5			28
Blue Jay	2	2	1		2	2	2					2		13
Western Scrub-Jay	4													4
Pinyon Jay	200													200
Clark's Nutcracker									1					1
Black-billed Magpie	3	22	20	12	9	4	16	6		6	8	10	10	126
American Crow	6	9	6		15		4	6	1		30	115	3	195
Common Raven	1		1							1	1		1	5
Black-capped Chickadee	6	6	40	15	8	4	7	4				13		103
Mountain Chickadee	4								8	4	8			24
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1								1	1				3
White-breasted Nuthatch	5		2		2				1	2	1			13
Pygmy Nuthatch	2								4	17	2			25
Brown Creeper									1	4	3			8
Rock Wren	1													1
Marsh Wren							1					1		2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	9	4	1	3	2				5	1		2		27
Western Bluebird									8	25				33
Mountain Bluebird	2								3	3				8
Townsend's Solitaire	14	3							1	6				20
American Robin	10	7	5	1	12		11	1	25	9	2		7	90
European Starling	20	800	5	10	16	40	53	160		4	1	10	3	1122
American Pipit		15												15

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Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers
Pacific Loon	10/23-24	1	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Pacific Loon	10/29-31	1-2	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Common Loon	10/18	1	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Common Loon	10/23-31	2-11	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Common Loon	10/28	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival
RED-NECKED GREBE	10/25-31	1-4	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
RED-NECKED GREBE	10/27	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Bob Brown
Peregrine Falcon	10/28	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald
American Golden-Plover	10/4	1	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
American Golden-Plover	10/27	5	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown
Dunlin	10/28	1	John Martin Res.	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Nelson
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	10/6	1a	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	10/15-17	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
BLUE-HEADED VIREO	10/21	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Mark Janos, Brandon Percival
PHILADELPHIA VIREO	10/5	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Steller's Jay	10/21	21	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Van Truan, Duane Nelson—accidental this far east in SE Colorado
VARIED THRUSH	10/20	1f	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown
Northern Parula	10/17	1m 1st fall	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Magnolia Warbler	10/8	1 1st fall	along Arkansas River	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Black-throated Blue Warbler	10/8	1m	along Arkansas River	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Black-throated Blue Warbler	10/10-11	1m	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Palm Warbler	10/27	1eastern	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Bob Brown
Black-throated Green Warbler	10/5	1 1st fall	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
LE CONTE'S SPARROW	10/21	1	John Martin Res.	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Van Truan
Fox Sparrow (Rocky Mtn. race)	10/21	1	Rocky Ford S.W.A.	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Van Truan
Swamp Sparrow	10/20	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown
Swamp Sparrow	10/28	2	Rocky Ford S.W.A.	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are capitalized.

a=adult, i=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basic plumage, alt=alternate plumage

Wanted — Rare Bird Alert Volunteer !

Norm Erthal will be giving up his duties associated with the Rare Bird Alert no later than March 1, 2002.

The DFO is looking for a volunteer who would like to assume the duties of the Rare Bird Alert and help the DFO maintain this key service for both Denver and Colorado. If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Cooley at (303) 798-9010 or at cgcooley@qwest.net.

ADVANCE NOTICE

2002 Memberships Dues

Except for those new members
who joined after October 31st,
all memberships expire on
December 31st and dues
are payable by that date.

(There's a membership renewal form on the
next page, or use the colored insert in this issue.)

Payment by the due date will be greatly appreciated

DFO Educational Endowment Fund Grants

The Denver Field Ornithologists has a limited amount of funding available annually to award to individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. For 2002, the DFO will be able to allocate up to \$1000. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants.

Guidelines for applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and received by the DFO Board by January 31 2002. The grant application form is below.
2. Describe in detail the project(s) and level of funding requested
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants to be awarded will be announced in May 2002
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. Application form is to be returned to the current DFO President, Carolyn Cooley, 941 W. Kettle Ave., Littleton, CO 80120.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and

DFO Educational Endowment Grant Application

Name of Applicant	E-mail		
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone (w)	Phone (h)		
Individual or organization to receive grant			
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone (w)	Phone (h)		
Description of Project			

Anticipated starting and completion dates

Amount of funding requested

Details of how the funds will be used

Other information for the DFO Board's consideration

Signature

Date

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: All meetings are at the Denver Zoo, start at 7:30pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May in the Crane Room. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. Directions to the Denver Zoo: enter through the main gate; turn right after the security building, walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

\$20.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

\$5 ☐ Student Membership (age 18 or younger)

☐ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert \$_____

☐ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund \$_____

Name:

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

E-Mail

Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists and send to the Treasurer:
Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden Street, Denver, CO 80224-1249. Phone: 303.322.6589

Denver Field Ornithologists Membership Form

Please indicate whether this is a new membership or a renewal:

- ☐ New Membership
- ☐ Renewal

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if they are paid after October 1st.

- ☐ \$20.00 Regulars Family Membership
- ☐ \$5 Student Membership (age 18 or younger)
- ☐ \$____ Contribution to Colorado Rare Bird Alert Fund
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____-____

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Thank you.



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"The Ecology and Evolution of Brood Parasitism."

Wednesday January 2, 2002 Feature Meeting

Presents John Prather, Ph.D.

Dr. Prather will present an overview of brood parasitism and brood parasites with information on types of brood parasites, the origin of brood parasitic behavior, and why brood parasites are successful. There will be some discussion on the negative effects of brood parasitism but the overall focus of the talk will explain brood parasites and why parasitism is a good evolutionary state.

Prather's post-doctoral research includes coordination of a large-scale study of the distribution and breeding biology of birds in public open space areas of Boulder County, Colorado. He provided oversight of teams of undergraduate researchers involved in searching for and monitoring bird nests and measuring vegetation characteristics at nest sites, and conducted GIS analysis of landscape level patterns of bird distribution, abundance, and breeding success. For more information about Dr. Prather's experience, go to <http://spot.colorado.edu/~prather>.



DFO Field Trips for January 2002

January 5, Saturday

Red Rocks Park Leader: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682. Meet at 0830 at the trading post. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Get a start on your annual tally.

January 6, Sunday

Boulder Leader: Bob Jackling, 303-499-4977. Meet at 0900 at Valmont Power Plant in Boulder. From U.S. 36, take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Rd., then east 2 miles to 63rd St., then north 0.25 miles to entrance. Lunch optional. Good guide to good birds!

January 12, Saturday

Chatfield State Park Leader: Andrew Spencer, 303-770-6299. Meet at 0900 at fee station just inside west entrance to park. From C470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles. Half-day trip, lunch optional. State Parks pass is required. Enthusiastic young leader who will find the birds for you!

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The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Boulevard., Denver, CO 80205. The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer and month of December) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does **not** accept advertising.

DFO Field Trips for January 2002, continued

January 13, Sunday

Northeast Colorado Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Full-day trip; bring lunch, snacks, water. State Parks Pass required for Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. We'll aim for raptors.

January 19, Saturday

88th and the Platte River Leader: Buzz Schaumberg, 303-699-1721. Meet at 0900 at the parking lot at 88th and the Platte. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Ducks, ducks, ducks!!

January 20, Sunday

Fort Collins area This field trip is jointly sponsored by the Fort Collins Audubon Society and the Denver Field Ornithologists. Leaders: Dave Leatherman (FCAS, 970-416-0193) and Karleen Schofield (DFO, 303-936-8661). Meet Karleen at 0700 at the Division of Wildlife building, 6060 N. Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west 2 blocks to Broadway, then north 2 blocks to parking lot on right. Carpooling! From Denver, take I-25 north to the Prospect Rd. exit (second Fort Collins exit), go west past frontage road. Take next left into driveway of the new Colorado Welcome Center (a large, ugly building). Drive around to the back (south side) to park and meet the group. The drive time to this location from downtown Denver along I-25 is about 50 minutes with no stops. Participants should be prepared for cold weather. Although no strenuous hiking is planned, participants may be outdoors for up to an hour at one time. Lunch may be brought or purchased. The trip is planned to end about 1400, but it may be extended later into the afternoon if warranted. Check with the leader or the FCAS website (URL <http://www.fortnet.org/Audubon/>) for updates.

January 26, Saturday

Cherry Creek State Park Leader: To be announced. Meet at 0900 just inside west gate, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Hopefully some "good" gulls.

January 27, Sunday

Overland Pond Park (along South Platte River) Leader: J.B. Hayes, 303-798-9683. Meet at 0900 at parking lot on north side of Florida, just east of where Florida crosses the South Platte River. Good for beginners. Lunch optional. Let's say, "Ducks Unlimited." Check with Rare Bird Alert if weather is questionable.



ABA Recommendation for Two-Way Radios Adopted

At the November 6, 2001, the DFO Board of Directors Meeting, the Board voted to adopt the ABA recommended two-way radio standard, effective January 1, 2001. The standard is Channel 11, Code 22. We encourage all members to use this standard when using two-way radios on field trips..

Lark Bunting Field Trip Editors and Deadlines

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the various responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

Field Trip/Count Reports

Andrew Spencer 3649 E Phillips Ave, Littleton, CO 80122, gwwarbler@yahoo.com

Additional Reports

Elna Cain, 3275 S Ivy Way, Denver CO 80222; elnacain13@aol.com

Announcements

Ruth Breckon: 15281 W 66th Pl., Arvada, CO 80007, breckon@juno.com

Upcoming Field Trips

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcisys.net

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Dianna Johnson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, even taking into account that it is sent via third class mail, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information.

We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip schedule at

www.geocities.com/dfobirders.

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Our sincere appreciation to all those who donate to the Rare Bird Alert and Educational Endowment Fund.

Your generosity keeps these valuable programs alive and well!

Welcome New Member

Heather Brown, 13589 W. Dakota Place, Lakewood, CO 80228 (No phone)

Classes, Trips and Viewing Opportunities

Visiting South East Arizona?

Dieter Kamm, former DFO member, extends an on-going invitation to club members to bird with him if you are visiting the area. He currently lives in Sierra Vista, a popular "base camp" for birders. He can give specific advice on local species/locations and join you for a day of birding if his schedule permits. To contact Dieter call 520.452.8811 or e-mail: aliciakamm@hotmail.com

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas, January 20-26th, 2002

Volunteer Research Associate Norm Lewis will lead a birding trip to the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The trip will be from Jan 20-26, 2002. The trip will visit many of the "hotspots" along the river and adjacent areas, as the group searches for dozens of South Texas specialties. Lodging, motorcoach transportation and some meals are included; travel to and from our base in Brownsville is the responsibility of the individual. The museum will charge a substantial fee for this trip, so serious inquiries only please. For information, call Norm at 303.988.5544, or the Travel Programs Department at 303.370.6304.

Galapagos Trip, March 16-25, 2002

There is one space remaining on this trip for a male. If interested call Norm Erthal 303.424.6747.

Birding hotspots of Costa Rica, March 25 to April 8, 2002

The Kamms are offering another of their outstanding excursions. The trip is limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811 (e-mail: aliciakamm@hotmail.com), or call Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

DFO Big Bend Trip, April 20- 27,



includes side trip to the Davis Mountains

Big Bend National Park hosts a basketful of special birds rarely seen anywhere else in North America. The remoteness of the Chisos Mountains, which surrounds the park is just a stone's throw across the Rio Grande River to Mexico.

The most notable avian treasure in the Chisos Mountains is the infamous Colima Warbler. A chance for intimate looks at this warbler requires a full day, hot mountain hike. All expenses shared, limited to

8 birders. There will be a drawing approximately two weeks after the leaders have received their Lark Bunting.

Contact Dave Rhoades (303.424.8633) or Bob Righter (303.692.8529) for more information or to add ones name to the drawing hat.



Help Wanted

Volunteers are needed to help conduct bird surveys for Majestic View Park, a new city park located at 70th and Garrison, Arvada. This long-term survey will identify birds of several habitats including wetlands, ponds, parks and fields. Please call Dave Rhoades 303.424.8633 if you are interested and can help with this project.

DFO Field Trip Summaries for November 2001

November 4, Sunday

Beginner's Trip to Belmar Historic Park (BEL)

Leader: Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Derek and Peggy Hankins, Anne Southcott. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, wetlands; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Wind calm; temp. 46-70 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 208 Individuals.

November 10, Saturday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Barbara Brown, Les Brown, Keith Chamberlain, Tammy Ellsworth, Warren Finch, Beverlee Guild, Bob Hutchinson, Loch Kilpatrick, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lentz, Ira Sanders, Dick Schottler, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0700-1600. **Distance:** 19.8 miles by car, 5.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, grasslands, marshes; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Clear; wind SE, 0-15 mph; temp. 27-65 °F. **Totals:** 56 Species, 1040 Individuals.

November 11, Sunday

South Platte Park (SPP)

Leader: Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Bob Backus, Barbara Brown, Les Brown, Frances Campbell, Dave Compton, Nan Eklund, Jack Enders, Joan Enders, Ken Karcher, Joe Krieg, Kathanne Lynch, Jim Perry, Tom Reilly, Mary Stallings, Diane Wagner. **Time:** 0930-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Streamside, open meadow; elev. 5400'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 45-60 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 309 Individuals.

November 17, Saturday

Longmont Area (LON)

Leader(s): Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Keith Chamberlain, Carol Cogswell, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, John Flavin, Peggy Hankins, Tom Lechleitner, Dock Pratt, Mary Stallings, Larry and Loni Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 53 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Water bodies, river, prairie, agricultural land; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Clear, wind variable, 4-7 mph; temp. 30-60 °F. **Totals:** 52 Species, 6155 Individuals.

November 18, Sunday

Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Rich O'Leary, Rosalie and Ashley Lewin, Cindy William, Gordon and Laurel William. **Time:** 0930-1430. **Distance:** 69 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to cloudy; wind W, 5-10 mph; temp. 40-52. **Totals:** 26 species, 1751 individuals.

November 24, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** John Flavin, Sonja Hahn, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0745-1245. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and lake. **Weather:** Clear; wind W, light; temp. 32-46 °F. **Totals:** 40 species, 2125 individuals.

November 24, Saturday

Lower South Platte Ramblings (SPP)

Leader: Ed Jolub. **Observers:** Bob Hutchinson, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens, Pat Ryan, Buzz Shaumburg, Diana Wilson. **Time:** 0730-1300. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** River riparian, lakes, golfcourse. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind calm; temp. 25-50 °F. **Totals:** 43 Species, 1273 Individuals.

DFO Field Trip Summaries for November 2001, continued**November 25, Sunday****Cherry Creek Reservoir and State Park (CCR)**

Leader(s): Bob Richter. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Warren Finch, Beverlee Guild, Bob Hutchinson, Randy Lentz, Laura Williams, Ruy Wing. **Time:** 0800-1400 **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake and riparian. **Weather:** Clear to overcast; wind N, 10-15 mph; temp. 35 °F. **Totals:** 39 Species, 598 Individuals.

Tuesday Birders**November 6, Tuesday****Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WRG)**

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5386'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind SW, 0-3 mph; temp. 67-72 °F. **Totals:** 39 Species, 376 Individuals.

November 13, Tuesday**Cherry Creek Reservoir and State Park (CCR)**

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Mary Cay Burger. **Observers:** 27. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, open fields; elev. 5550'. **Weather:** Cloudy to mostly sunny; wind NW, 0-5 mph; temp. 55-65 °F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 367 Individuals.

November 20, Tuesday**Lower Bear Creek Lake Park (LBC)**

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails & open fields; elev. 5800'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind NW, 0-4 mph; temp. 50-65 °F. **Totals:** 16 Species, 124 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

The DFO and Lark Bunting Editors
Wish You a Very Happy Holiday Season and —
Good Birding!

This is the last Lark Bunting of the year, and the last you will receive unless you have renewed your memberships. Please take a moment and rejoin before December 31. Use the special colored application or tear off the back sheet of any Lark Bunting that reflects the newly reduced membership dues of \$20.00 to renew your membership for 2002. Renewal by December 31, will be greatly appreciated, and will ensure that you receive the data from our Christmas Counts.

DFO Field Trip Summary Table for November 2001

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS			TOTAL
	4 BEL	10 CHA	11 SPP	17 LON	18 BLP	24 BAR	24 LSP	25 CCR	6 WRG	13 CCR	20 BCR	
Common Loon		4						2		2		8
Pied-billed Grebe		4	4	2			1	1	3	2		17
Horned Grebe		3	1	4				10				18
Red-necked Grebe		1										1
Eared Grebe		130		4				50		1		185
Western Grebe		50	1	4		9				95		159
American White Pelican				29								29
Double-crested Cormorant				3				2		25		30
Great Blue Heron		3	3	2		3	2	1				14
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2						1					3
Snow Goose						2			100			102
"White morph"						(1)						1
"Blue morph"						(1)						1
Canada Goose	9	90	7	381	600	1000	750	100	200	40	15	3192
Wood Duck							3					3
Gadwall	10	15	24	22		8	20	10	14	1		124
American Wigeon		5	10	12		2	15	6	40			90
Mallard	8	10	70	3150	200	500	40	6	23	5	4	4016
Northern Shoveler	37	2		45	50	50	8	20	22			234
Northern Pintail				4	10	150	15					179
Green-winged Teal		20	6	2		75	3	6				112
Canvasback				16					2			18
Redhead				206			6		1			213
Ring-necked Duck		5	3	230	100		10		2			350
Lesser Scaup	1	17		2		13			1			34
Long-tailed Duck				1								1
Bufflehead	1		8	18		2	10	4	2		6	51
Common Goldeneye		6	3	40		1	10	6			20	86
Hooded Merganser		12		1		1	2					16
Common Merganser		100	7	18	2	9	1	20		2	38	197
Red-breasted Merganser		4				15						19
Ruddy Duck				8		2						10
Bald Eagle		2		2	1	7	1	3			1	17
Northern Harrier		1		4	7	3		3		2		20
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1								1
Cooper's Hawk									1			1
accipiter sp.	1											1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	3	3	11	8	1	3	6	1	4	5	46
western races				(11)			(3)					(14)
"Harlan's" race						(1)						(1)
Ferruginous Hawk		1		3								4
Rough-legged Hawk					3	1					1	5
Golden Eagle				7								7
American Kestrel			1	8	9		4			2		24
Merlin					1							1
Prairie Falcon		2			2							4
Ring-necked Pheasant						14		1		1		16

Field Trip Summary Table, November 2001, continued

SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS			TOTAL
	4	10	11	17	18	24	24	25	6	13	20	
DATE	BEL	CHA	SPP	LON	BLP	BAR	LSP	CCR	WRG	CCR	BCR	
LOCATION												
Virginia Rail		2						1	4			7
Sora		1										1
American Coot		140					2		72	22		236
Killdeer		11	2				1	4		5		23
Common Snipe							2			1		3
Bonaparte's Gull		48		7				6				61
Ring-billed Gull	46	120	10	1011		80	35	40	100	50	11	1503
California Gull	3	5					2	25		1		36
Herring Gull		2				2		8				12
Rock Dove	2	6		8	20		70	20	2			128
Great Horned Owl					1		1		2			4
Long-eared Owl		1										1
Belted Kingfisher	1	3	4	1	2		4	2	4	2		23
Downy Woodpecker		7	2			2		6	7	1		25
Northern Flicker	6	11	9	3	2	8	5		16	3	5	68
"Red-shafted" race	(6)	(11)	(9)	(3)		(8)	(5)					(42)
Northern Shrike		3				1	1			1	1	7
Blue Jay				2		1	2	1	2			8
Black-billed Magpie	9	15	6	6	35	18	10		22	20	7	148
American Crow	17	7	15	7			3	10	5	1		65
Common Raven			1	2								3
Horned Lark				24						3		27
Black-capped Chickadee	2	24	4	6	2	6	16	10	22	6	5	103
White-breasted Nuthatch		2							1			3
Brown Creeper		9					2		1			12
Marsh Wren		1										1
American Dipper				1								1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1							1			2
Townsend's Solitaire		1										1
American Robin	9	4	2	2			3		16			36
European Starling	14	8	55	264		28	100	50	16	3		536
American Tree Sparrow	7	65				8	5	60	2			147
Song Sparrow		12	2	3		7	1	4	1	2	2	34
White-crowned Sparrow		4	3		2	8		20				37
"Gambel's" race		(4)										(4)
Dark-eyed Junco	7	23	10	2	55	12		20	11			140
"Slate-colored" race		(2)			(35)							(37)
"Oregon" race		(4)			(10)							(14)
"Pink-sided" race		(17)			(10)							(27)
Red-winged Blackbird	5	2	8	530	460	60	50	30	3	20		1168
Western Meadowlark		6		4	50	2						62
Brewer's Blackbird						4						4
Common Grackle	2											2
House Finch	8	1	12	17	40	2	20	20	9	41	1	171
Lesser Goldfinch									1			1
American Goldfinch		5		3	14		3	4	2	3	2	36
House Sparrow			15	12	75	10	30		2			144

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Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers
Redthroated Loon	11/12	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Redthroated Loon	11/19	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Jon Dunn, m.ob.
Pacific Loon	11/1-11/28	1-4	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Pacific Loon	11/18-11/24	1	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Common Loon	11/1-11/30	1-14	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Common Loon	11/16	2	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Common Loon	11/18	7	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Chris Wood
Rednecked Grebe	11/1-11/27	1-4	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black-crowned Night Heron (late)	11/4	11	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Greater Scaup	11/12	1m	Pueblo Nature center gravel pit pond	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Surf Scoter	11/1	2f	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Surf Scoter	11/11-11/21	1f	Pueblo Nature center gravel pit pond	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black Scoter	11/11-11/21	2f	Pueblo Nature center gravel pit pond	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Barrow's Goldeneye	11/3	1m	Aurora Rampart Reservoir Roxborough SP	Douglas	Bob Brown and Lea Ann Brown
Osprey (late)	11/1-11/2	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Silverman
Sandhill Crane (late)	11/18	20	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Chris Wood
American Avocet (late)	11/10	2	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Greater Yellowlegs (late)	11/1-11/4	1	Arkansas River in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Greater Yellowlegs (late)	11/10-11/24	1-3	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Greater Yellowlegs (late)	11/10	1	Rocky Ford sewer ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Western Sandpiper (late)	11/10	1	Rocky Ford sewer ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Bonaparte's Gull	11/1-11/30	up to 62	Pueblo Reservoir	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Bonaparte's Gull	11/18-11/24	50	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Mew Gull	11/19-11/22	1fb/f	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Jon Dunn, m.ob.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	11/19-11/25	1ab	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Jon Dunn, m.ob.
Greater Black-backed Gull	11/24	1fb/f	Lower Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Larry Modesitt
Eurasian Collared Dove	11/25	75	Blende	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards, Mark Janos
Greater Roadrunner	11/2	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Silverman
Red-bellied Woodpecker	11/18-11/24	1	Lamar Community College grove	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Chris Wood, m.ob.
Say's Phoebe	11/2-11/30	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Silverman
Steller's Jay (rare on plains)	11/18-11/24	2	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Chris Wood, m.ob.
Eastern Bluebird	11/2	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Silverman
Hermit Thrush (late)	11/11	1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Nashville Warbler eastern race (late)	11/11	1	Goodnight River Trail in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Common Yellowthroat (late)	11/21	1m	Goodnight River Trail in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Andrew Spencer, Bob Spencer
Savannah Sparrow (late)	11/24	1	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Larry Modesitt, Andrew Spencer
Lincoln's Sparrow (late)	11/2	1	Pueblo Nature Center	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Lincoln's Sparrow (late)	11/10	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Swamp Sparrow	11/10-11/16	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Swamp Sparrow	11/18-11/24	1-2	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Mark Janos, m.ob.
White-throated Sparrow	11/10	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival
Harris's Sparrow	11/12	1ab	Goodnight River Trail in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Cardinal	11/18	1m 1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Chris Wood
Yellow-headed Blackbird (late)	11/10	1	near lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival
Purple Finch	11/18-11/21	1m 1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Common Redpoll	11/15-11/21	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Lesser Goldfinch (late)	11/21	2f	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Andrew Spencer

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